

Dear Parents,

As your Principal, it has always been my hope that our students would return to school this fall at LIFE Prep. There is no substitute for in-person learning, as it provides essential connections for our students with both the educators who know them well and their classmates. The administration team and I have been planning for a safe return to school as we have been monitoring public health data, gathered information, as well as having input from our families, and weighed all of the risks and competing interests.

On July 31st, I along with our administration team, discussed our options for the fall school year. During our meeting, we discussed a wide range of things such as safety, CDC health requirements, the limitations of our building and space requirements, bussing, and more.

As the person who ultimately bears responsibility for the health and safety of our students, educators, and staff in our schools, I cannot in good conscience open our school.

It is with this knowledge and concern that I announce that ***LIFE Prep will begin school this fall with remote learning for all families.***

I know this is not how we all hoped the 2020-2021 school year would start. Just last fall, when the 2019-2020 school year started, none of us anticipated a global pandemic would emerge to disrupt and threaten our daily lives. Your feelings of frustration, anxiety, disappointment and even fear are reasonable and completely understandable. I thank you for embracing our paramount goal of keeping all students, educators, and staff healthy and safe. And I thank you for being so caring, courageous, and supportive during these very trying times.

We recognize there are many unknowns as we navigate this historic pandemic. Our commitment will always be to communicate information to you as soon as it is available. Please continue to visit our [lifeprepschool.org](https://lifeprepschool.org) page for more information, and send any questions, insights, suggestions, and feedback you may have to me at [leah.jones@lifeprepschool.org](mailto:leah.jones@lifeprepschool.org)

In partnership,

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