

Dear CSCA Families,

As I write this I cannot believe what all has transpired since school was last in person back in March. Six months ago, no one could have convinced me that we would see a global pandemic that would shake the world physically, spiritually, emotionally, and financially. Nor would I have believed that we would see such division in our country. At the beginning of this pandemic, I was certain that life would return to normal within a relatively short time frame. Obviously, I was wrong. The good thing that comes from being wrong, is that it provides an opportunity for growth. Although life is not yet near “normal,” I find tremendous comfort in knowing that there is much to be grateful for in spite of the reality that we are in the throws of a very difficult time. I find a sense of pride in seeing the capacity of love, character, and integrity of those in my life who so graciously surround me in the times I am strong, and in the times that I am brought to my knees. I have learned a great deal about myself and my priorities during this time. My heart goes out to each of you in whatever ways these circumstances have impacted you. I hope that you and yours have found strength and comfort amidst the challenges that you have faced during these historical times.

We have begun the journey that will be the 2020-2021 school year. As we look to the next step of opening in person August 31st, I am certain there will be opportunities for CSCA to continue to grow as we continue to walk through these challenging times. The truth is, there isn't a school that has the perfect plan or that has all of the answers. We have an excellent learning plan and we have an amazing team that will execute that plan. We will also be seeking feedback and will make adjustments as things continue to change or we have data that indicates a need for change. I am incredibly grateful for the passion and work that our administrators, board members, staff members, and teachers have poured into preparations for both remote and in-person learning. I am pleased with the priorities that have been identified and pursued, and I am pleased because our priorities have stayed true to our school vision and mission while balancing the many demands innate in operating during a pandemic with everchanging regulations and recommendations. While it is never possible to please everyone when the needs of our community are so diverse, I am excited that we have options for our students and families to engage in our community and academic program whether it needs to be remotely from home or in person. The design of our platform enables seamless transitions for the everchanging needs that we may face as this school year progresses, and this is something worth celebrating!

During the process of navigating what this fall would look like, there have been many things that have been out of our control. Additionally, decisions have been postponed as we awaited guidance from health and government officials. I so appreciate the commitment and patience from our families as preparations and plans for fall have continued to change. This situation has been so fluid and everchanging that I know many of you wanted answers while there simply were none. Thank you for trusting us through this process.

Moving forward, I am proud of what our remote learning program has done this far and I am excited about what is to come! Additionally, I cannot wait for opening in person August 31st! I know that this delay is not ideal and I do feel the disappointment both personally with my students as well as in my role as a board member. Please know that there are many behind the scenes who have been working beyond capacity to ensure that your students will have an outstanding academic year despite the challenges and circumstances we are facing. Although the challenges behind us and

before us have been and will continue to be daunting, I am so excited that we as a CSCA community are in this together and I know that we will continue to thrive because of the resilience and commitment of our amazing families, and our outstanding team of educators, staff members, administrators, and board members. Thank you for allowing us to be here for you and your student(s) as we emerge stronger than ever. I encourage you to participate in one of our town hall meetings, and I look forward to having the opportunity to see you and discuss questions and concerns.

In humble service,

Deanna Shrewsbury

Board President