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Dear Bixby Community

As you have likely heard already, St Vrain Valley and Boulder Valley School districts announced yesterday that they are opening in Phase 1+, fully remote, this fall. I have received several emails asking if Bixby will also do the same, and wanted to share the same information with everyone.

Bixby is still planning to resume in person learning on September 1, with a remote option for those families who choose not to attend in person. Boulder County Public Health confirmed to us in an email yesterday that *“Our local data is remaining pretty stable and still supports in person learning if it can be done with the mitigation strategies in place that we’ve discussed.”* Should that decision change we will notify you promptly.

At Bixby School, our small cohorts, creative teachers, generous outdoor spaces for learning, and access to fresh air indoors make it possible for us to deliver in-person learning while implementing public health recommendations. In addition, our summer camp has provided valuable experience with new health and safety procedures that have informed how we are planning for school reopening next month.

Bixby teachers and staff have been leaders in our planning process, and are familiar with our plans. The delayed start to our school year will allow teachers and staff to practice new health and safety protocols, as well as plan for a modified schedule.

We can never fully eliminate risk, but we are taking reasonable measures within our control to mitigate risks. Remaining in communication, relying upon trusted sources of information and being flexible are some of the strongest tools we have for supporting our community. Thank you for your continued communication and partnership.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Warmly,

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