



# Friendship Insider Iss. 60

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## Fall Reopening Planning Update

Dear Friendship Academy Families,  
It is our hope this summer continues to be healthy, safe, and positive, even with making adjustments due to COVID-19. As we plan for the 2020-21 school year, your feedback continues to be important.

Please feel free to contact us with questions, concerns, or thoughts. On July 30th, Governor Walz and the Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) are expected to announce plans for the upcoming school year. The three scenarios for the 2020-2021 school year include:

In-person learning for all students

Hybrid learning with strict social distancing and capacity limits

Distance learning

Our leadership team, along with our advisory team, is planning for each of these possible scenarios. We are planning to meet (virtually) with a variety of stakeholders, including families and staff, to gather additional feedback, provide updates, and institute next steps. We expect to release our plans the same day as the Governor makes his announcement 2020-2021 school year.

We have planned two webinars, July 30th at 6:30pm and July 31st at 11am to



## Key Dates

**July 27th 5-7pm** - School Board Meeting  
Join by Google Meet  
[meet.google.com/zag-hrjb-sjy](https://meet.google.com/zag-hrjb-sjy)  
or by Phone  
352-474-2529  
PIN: 479 137 174#

**July 28th - 31st**  
Staff will contact families to discuss Fall Reopening decision

**July 30th 6:30-7:30pm** - Parent Reopening Webinar Option 1

**July 31st 11am-12pm** - Parent Reopening Webinar Option #2

**August 14th** - Summer Programs End

**August 17th** - Fall Professional Development - First day for Staff

**September 4th 12pm** - Ribbon Cutting Ceremony/Open House

**September 8th** - First Day of School!

**Please watch this section for more key dates.**

We are still accepting applications in grades K-8th for the Fall so please encourage all interested families to visit [www.friendshipacademy.org](http://www.friendshipacademy.org) to enroll.

discuss our plan with you. You will receive a follow up communication from your student's teacher or a member of the Friendship staff with additional details and discuss your decision to start school in the Fall.

Thank you for your continued partnership as we remain committed to delivering high-quality Friendship Strong, and equitable learning experiences for our students, with health, safety, and partnership as our top priorities.

Sincerely,

Dr. B. Charvez Russell  
Executive Director

**Click Below to complete 2020-21 Registration.**

[Current and New Family Registration](#)

### **Transportation Survey**

As we prepare for safe travel for the 2020-21 school please fill out the survey below to indicate transportation needs. In order to provide bus transportation by the start of school, please answer and submit your transportation information by Friday, July 24th.

[Transportation Survey](#)

**Sign up for Summer Distance Learning now through August 14th.** New families who sign up will be assigned a virtual coach and will receive a device.

[Summer Distance Learning Application.](#)

### **Construction Update!!**

Friendship Academy of the Arts Intermediate is slated to be completed August 14th! The Ribbon Cutting Ceremony will be September 4th so save the Date!

[Click Here for a construction update!](#)



**Friendship Academy of the Arts**  
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