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Dear Parents,

We are writing today to share important information and dates for summer and the new school year. As our city recovers from COVID-19, Friendship has been working hard to prepare options that support great teaching and learning in all settings – online and in-person. We are proud of how our students, families and school staff rose to the challenge this spring and we are planning even better experiences for summer and the new school year.

Friendship plans to begin School Year 2020-21 on August 31, 2020, if in line with public health guidelines at that time. The chart below provides important dates as we finish this school year and get ready for the new school year.

May 29	Last Student Day for SY 19-20	Students will receive a schedule from their school on when to retrieve personal items from lockers, classrooms, etc.
June 1 – 12	Intersession (virtual)	This two-week virtual camp is open to all students and will combine fun and engaging academic content with exploratory projects.
June 15 – July 24	Summer Learning Academy and Enrichment: PK4-12 (virtual) 9 th Grade Summer Bridge (virtual)	PK4-12 th grade students who register or are required to attend the Summer Learning Academy will spend the morning in virtual instruction in ELA and/or math. In the afternoon, students will participate in virtual enrichment clubs and activities. Virtual Summer Bridge is required for all incoming 9 th graders.
August 10 – 21	Transition Learning for Grades K, 3, 6 and 9	While the school year is set to begin on August 31, if in line with public health guidelines, we will have grades K, 3, 6 and 9 return back to school buildings to prepare for the upcoming school year. Families will be contacted directly in July with details on Transition Learning.
August 31	First day for all students	All Friendship schools will be open and operating, either in-person or at-home, starting August 31. We are working with the city to finalize in-person and virtual schedules.*

**As we are still in the midst of a health crisis, we will gather your input to understand what a successful start of School Year 2020-2021 could look like, including possible student schedules for in-person or distance learning. City-wide family surveys and Friendship surveys will be sent to you starting next week.*

Do not forget to guarantee your seat at Friendship for the new 2020-21 school year. All families must finalize the registration process for next year or risk losing your seat. Please work closely with your student’s school to submit the required application and documentation.

We welcome your feedback and questions. Contact us at (202) 281-1777 or wecare@friendshipschools.org.

Sincerely,
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