



RESHET PRIZMAH

Head of School Weekly Check In July 10, 2020

Helpful input from colleagues requested about:

- Meaningful pieces of information to share with parents without revealing the whole plan?
- California is spiking: Be prepared to lockdown, it's likely coming back. If things don't turn around in the next couple of weeks, there will be another stay at home order. Threw a monkey wrench in our planning. Summer retreat worked out well (9 days long)
 - Restructuring the educational model: the new model is that the transition between both models is completely fluid
 - Mindset = everyone is a carrier, we as a school will keep people as safe and distant as possible to prevent additional spread. I can control what happens on the campus and then people will do things after the school day.
 - Communal responsibility
 - Training for remote learning
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- Fully operational with every student in school all day every day, public health permitting. Benefit from empathy from colleagues.
- Only a mandatory stay at home order will keep us out of our building.
- Requiring students and staff to wear masks all day. How about you?
- Remote learning simultaneously. OWL/Swivl not perfect. Worth investing?
- NY Governor decision on 8/1 or 8/7. DOE in NY sharing on Sunday. We can plan after that. Mayor of NY said that school is opening with a hybrid model before the governor came out.
- Please share your reopening plans. NY schools need to submit to the DOE
- Will parents send their students back to campus?
- HVAC, filters.
- Who is going to be on campus? Over 200 inquiries in the last 6 weeks from students from out of state!
- Major financial problems if buildings don't open. The families are going to access free online.
- Social-emotional health without a mental health professional on staff
- Students joining in the middle of the year.
- Teacher concerns about their own safety.
- Not ready to put out a plan until the day before school starts.

- We can't ensure that the students are safe, we can ensure that students have an educational experience. And it might not be perfect education. Our job is to ensure their mental health and wellness.
- Is it safe for us to move forward with plans to open the building. It is not safe.

How are you communicating your plans and your level of fluidity?

- Saying that we're following the public health guidelines, rather than providing specific plans
- Asking parents and teachers for input on draft plans so they have a say and buy-in
- Communicating reliably every couple of weeks. Not announcing plans more than 4 weeks out. Medical advice that we received was that the ground was shifting so quickly that we can't reliably plan more than 2 weeks in advance.
- Well received communication end of June saying the latest news is public health permitting we'll be in person with everyone on site all the time. Continuing to develop plans around these 13 bullet points. We'll tell you those plans 2 weeks before school starts.
- This is what we're thinking about (pods, etc)
- Town halls. Saying the same things: you are doing 5 days in person for every child.

Resources mentioned

- DaySchoolDocs Reshet
- Rituals from Afar
- 20 page brochure with all the plans. <https://www.hebrewacademymiami.org/parents/re-opening-campus-2020-2021>
- <http://bornblum.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/Covid-Operations-Plan-for-WebsiteUpdaed.pdf>
- Monday weekly webinar. 9amPT/ 12pm ET Chris Joffe of Joffe Emergency Services. Learn.joffeemergencyservices.com No charge. US national view of what's going with public health.