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Hello Grace Christian Academy Parents,

I trust this email finds you doing well during these trying times. I wanted to take a moment to share with you about our upcoming school year. First, let me say how grateful we are to you for being a part of Grace Christian Academy. We appreciate you entrusting us to help you educate your children and to present a Christian environment that is conducive to learn in. Some have called asking about the new school year as far as our plans and also for our leadership. Let me introduce myself to you if I haven't had the privilege to meet you. I am Dr. David Maddox the new Lead Pastor over the ministries at Grace. I have been on campus for going on two years learning our ministry and preparing to assume the leadership. I have decided with a few changes that have occurred in our school and the coronavirus that changed our schedules to take the lead as the Head of School for this year and put out a search later for a new Head of School, who will follow the path of a distinctively Christian education with the highest level of education for the children of Grace Christian Academy as we have pursued these past 20 years.

As we enter our 21st. year of educating and preparing the next generations we look forward to the challenges ahead. We are in the middle of planning and preparing for your children to arrive in the fall semester. We trust with our continuing efforts to maintain a safe and secure environment for all who enter our premises and with the Lord's help we will press forward with a great and exciting school year. Your children's safety and security is our utmost concern.

I have compiled a list of steps that we will implement for the coming school year.

1. We will have Open House on the 28th of July and the first day of school on August 3rd as planned.
2. We will have social distancing signage throughout the school and our faculty and staff will ensure that we adhere to the policy.
3. We will be taking each student's temperature (Using the non-contact infrared thermometer) in the drop off lane before they enter the school as well as all our faculty and staff. All students, faculty, and staff with a temperature above 100.4 will be asked not to attend classes for the day and longer if there is a sickness.
4. We will have hand sanitizers in locations all around the building and practice hand washing on a regular basis.
5. We also will allow only a certain number of children (no more than 2) in the restroom at one time as well as spacing further out in our cafeteria. Since we are a smaller school we have advantages that others might not have in order to maintain lunch in the cafeteria.

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6. We will move some of our classrooms with more students to larger rooms so we will be better able to space out our desk, as well as no desk facing each other.

7. We will continue with chapel services as usual because of our large auditorium we can space out 10 feet or more apart.

8. Everyone who desires may wear a mask, they will not be mandatory, going by what we have read from the various agencies guidelines and from the Georgia Department of Education guidelines put out recently we feel we are right in line with what all other schools will be doing, except for those larger schools which are not able to have such schedules.

I trust this will encourage you as I have spoken with parents who are excited about how we are approaching this virus and the start of a new school year later this summer. It is encouraging to know that we have not heard of one case among any of our students, faculty, staff, or in our church as well. This is a blessing that we are grateful for. We are looking forward with great anticipation to the coming school year we covet your prayers and as always if there is anything we can do or information you may need please do not hesitate to call us at 770.222.8955 or my personal mobile number and email is 678.427.7209 / dmaddox@gracega.com.

Thank you again for your support of Grace Christian Academy,

Because of Christ,

David K. Maddox D.D.

Lead Pastor/ Head of School

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