



ALA Community,

I hope this email finds each of you healthy and safe. By now I am sure many of you have heard the announcement from Governor Cooper regarding how schools will reopen for the 2020-21 school year. ALA's Return to School committee has developed an in-depth plan based on parent surveys and current data related to the COVID-19 pandemic. We plan to present this plan later this week to the entire ALA community. My objective with this message is to communicate ALA's steps to reopening and to inform all stakeholders of what is to come this summer prior to ALA's reopening. Below is a tentative timeline of the steps we are taking towards reopening in August.

**Friday, July 17th:** ALA will release the Return to School Plan 2020 to parents

**Tuesday, July 28th:** ALA will host a virtual Town Hall meeting related to ReOpening Schools

**Wednesday, August 5th:** Deadlines for families to confirm their commitments for remote or blended learning

**Week of August 17th:** Student-parent Orientations and Virtual Open House sessions

**Monday, August 24th:** First Day of School

We also are trying to gather more information about our family's preferences with regard to **blended or full remote learning**. As you know, schools have the option to implement either plan to open the school year. We need each family to give us this valuable feedback to make a more informed decision.

**Blended or Remote Learning Survey:** <https://forms.gle/NRqoFXqLi4x6vLNT6>

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