



## A Message from Suzanne Stell



Dear Shelton Parents,

All of us thank you for your overwhelming support and continued patience as we ready the new Preston Road campus for in-person learning.

Our new building is beautiful and brimming with potential. The synergy and excitement we experienced on the tours was contagious, and we are *all* ready for back-to-school. However, even since I last wrote to you on Monday and, amidst the ongoing construction and recent non-stop rain, it has become apparent within the last 48 hours that more time is needed before we can safely open our doors for in-person learning.

**We will continue virtual learning through Friday, September 11th. For families that have selected in-person learning for their students, Early Childhood through fifth grade will begin on-campus instruction Monday, September 14th, and 6th-12th will begin their hybrid schedules September 14th - 25th.**

Our administration bases this decision on important factors related to:

- Kitchen readiness - our inspection has only just been completed, and there are various measures to be finished before we can serve our students and staff.
- Outside locks in portions of the building need finalizing - these tie in with our security system passcodes used by our faculty and staff.
- Recent water in a portion of the building has required extra cleanup.
- Completion of a project of this magnitude during the COVID pandemic has been formidable.

Our teams - both construction and school staff - have gone every extra mile to create a safe, secure and efficient environment for our students. In this extraordinary year, there have been challenges beyond our control that we have readily met to ensure our standard of excellence and ensure the safety of the children you have entrusted to us.

Our mission to serve students with learning differences continues and hasn't wavered. We acknowledge and regret the inconvenience this four-day delay will cause for some families. We know how much you are looking forward to your children being in the classroom with their teachers. However, our standards for the quality of this reopening at our new campus are high, and we are convinced that our students will ultimately benefit from this brief extension to allow us to complete key aspects of the Preston Road campus. We remain grateful for your understanding as we work to make this school year exceptional for our students.

Thank you.  
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Executive Director

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