Greetings Martin Behrman Families,

First, I would like to welcome our new families to Martin Behrman Charter School. To our current families, thank you for your patience and support over the last 5 months. As we all know, times are fluid and much information about the 2020-2021 academic year is still unknown and expected to change as we move into different phases. We appreciate you taking the time to complete the ‘Return to School Survey’. Those responses were definitely considered during the development of our plan.

I would like to share with you the details for reopening Martin Behrman Charter School in August. This plan is based on guidelines released by the Louisiana Department of Education (LDOE), NOLA Public Schools (NOLA-PS), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) as well as guidance by the Algiers Charter Family First: COVID-19 Recovery Task Force which was created in May and consists of Algiers Charter board members, Algiers Charter leadership, Martin Behrman School staff and Algiers community stakeholders.

The following is our working plan for the month of August as the city remains in phase 2 of reopening. We expect to continue moving forward throughout the year and will be sending updates as we expand services and/or resort back to phase 1. We will also share additional information as we receive new updates from LDOE and NOLA-PS.

The first day of school is scheduled for Monday, August 10, 2020. We will host virtual parent orientations July 27th-29th and will share more information via email, text, and Algiers Charter website very soon. In addition, homeroom teachers will personally contact you with grade-level orientation details.
Martin Behrman Phase 2 Reopening Plan:

100% Virtual ‘At-Home’ Learning Option (Laptop, internet hot-spot, and instructional materials provided by school)

All students have the option to participate in 100% virtual learning. Online attendance and completion of daily assignments will be strictly enforced. Participating families will sign the ‘100% Virtual Learning Agreement’ and will be accountable for meeting all performance expectations required for promotion. Families choosing this option must commit to a full semester.

PreK-5th grade students will be returning to ‘in-person’ instruction during the week.

| PreK-5th Grade Students | In-person instruction every day |

Middle school students will be returning to ‘in-person’ instruction 2-days per week and will receive online instruction on the days they do not report to the campus.

| 6th Grade Students | Report to School: Monday and Tuesday
|                    | Online Instruction: Wednesday, Thursday, Friday |
| 7th Grade Students | Report to School: Wednesday and Thursday
|                    | Online Instruction: Monday, Tuesday, Friday |
| 8th Grade Students | Report to School: Thursday and Friday
|                    | Online Instruction: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday |

Algiers Charter will provide laptops to students in grades 6-8 for online instruction days.

Students with disabilities will have the option to attend school Monday through Friday. SPED teachers will contact parents directly to share instructional schedules and how services will be provided during the 2020-2021 academic year.

Transportation:

Due to a limited number of buses and social distance guidelines, we strongly recommend families drop off and pick up students this academic year. Homeroom teachers will be reaching out to families to see if your student(s) will need bus transportation for the 2020-2021 school
year. Homeroom teachers will also be confirming students' addresses to ensure proper bus assignment.

**Operational Requirements:**

- **All** students and staff will be required to wear masks or face coverings the entire school day. Please prepare students for daily mask-wearing at Martin Behrman. Parents should shop for masks that students can comfortably wear for a full day of school, fit smaller-sized students, and display appropriate pictures and wording for elementary-aged students.

- Class size numbers have been reduced to meet city and state standards. Per phase 2 guidelines, 23 students will occupy a classroom per setting and be arranged as distantly as possible. Students will remain with one group of children and isolated from interaction with other classes throughout the school day. No student will move from class to class. Instead, teachers will rotate from classroom to classroom.

- Hand sanitizing stations will be set up throughout the building and teachers will have disinfecting wipes and hand sanitizer in their classrooms.

While this school year will look very different, our team remains committed to making sure our students have a wonderful, eventful and fun school year experience.

We ask that you work with us as we know the first few months of this new plan will take some time to get familiar with. Our team at Martin Behrman and Algiers Charter leadership have been working diligently to make sure we address your concerns and provide a high-quality learning experience for your child in the safest and most effective way.

Please forward any additional concerns or questions to the Martin Behrman main office at 504-302-7090 or contact
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Sincerely,

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