

**July 15, 2020**

Dear City Tree Parents,

We understand that San Diego Unified School District's announcement to begin the year with 100% remote instruction has caused our families to wonder about City Tree's plans for the fall. At this time, we still plan to start the 2020-2021 school year with in-person learning beginning on August 31st.

The San Diego County Public Health Order, effective July 15, 2020 states, "All public, charter and private schools may hold classes on the school campus, provided the school complies with the measures contained in the State COVID-19 Industry Guidance." We take the health of our students and staff seriously, and the rise in cases in San Diego County and the state is concerning. The School Board and I are meeting regularly and are actively working on our Safe Reopening Plan. This plan will be provided to parents in early August. We are reviewing information from the state and county and also consulting with other Christian schools in our area, as well as the Association of Christian School International.

As a small school, we have greater flexibility to address changing public health and safety conditions and respond effectively with less lead-time. City Tree is in a unique position to adapt, and we are committed to provide an outstanding Christian education to our students in a loving and safe environment. In the event that we make a decision to alter our plans, we will notify our families as soon as possible.

We realize that families will be paying 2020-2021 tuition in early August. If we are not able to open our building to students on August 31, and a family does not wish to continue at CTCS with distance learning in place, August tuition payments will be completely refundable if students withdraw before the first day of school.

We recognize that there are still many unknowns, and we appreciate your support and patience as we navigate these uncharted waters together. I am grateful that we have a God who is with us in all our circumstances. Please do not hesitate to contact me with your questions or ideas.

Sincerely,

Sue Kennedy

Principal, City Tree Christian School