



# Spring Survey Follow Up

Dear Royal Redeemer Lutheran School Families,

Greetings to you as we close the beautiful month of June. While students are away, playing, reading, resting, and having fun, a great number of details are taking place to welcome them back to a great school year ahead. The campus is a buzz of activity with cleaning, improvement projects, new curricular adoptions (preschool handwriting and middle school math) welcoming new team members to our staff, and of course, Vacation Bible School next week! We are truly abundantly blessed, and we thank our God for His continued provision.

As we look to the year ahead, in prayer, we have been evaluating procedures and routines, especially related to this new phase of the COVID pandemic. As case numbers continue to decline, vaccinations continue, health orders remain lifted, and we evaluate your feedback, we are looking forward to a more typical school year. As you may have inquired, the data we collected from our Spring Family and Staff Survey was as follows:

1. How comfortable are you with increasing preschool student cohorts?
  - 49% comfortable, 44% N/A, 5% undecided/unsure, 2% uncomfortable
2. In K-8<sup>th</sup> Grade, how comfortable are you with lessening 6' social distancing?
  - 82% comfortable, 6% undecided/unsure, 6% N/A, 6% uncomfortable
3. How comfortable would you be with us welcoming guests, families, volunteers to campus?
  - 75% comfortable, 15% unsure/undecided, 10% uncomfortable
4. How comfortable would you be with making desk shields optional?
  - 67% comfortable, 12% unsure/undecided, 12% uncomfortable, 9% N/A
5. How comfortable would you be with RRLS using singular arrival and dismissal times?
  - 82% comfortable, 14% unsure/undecided, 4% uncomfortable
6. How comfortable would you be with student cohorts combining for lunch, recess, Chapel, etc.?
  - 73% comfortable, 17% unsure/undecided, 10% uncomfortable
7. Do any of the above impact your enrollment decision?
  - 84% no, 10% undecided, 7% yes

Resounding themes in the additional comments shared included a strong desire to lift mandates and return to a more typical year with appreciation for the successful school year we experienced (thanks be to God!). We will continue to review data, respond to any mandates as necessary, and monitor our health and wellness overall. While we do so, we plan to not mandate masks this Fall-but allow them for any who still wish to use them. We will relax our 6' distancing and allow for combined cohorts or student groups where appropriate (such as Chapel, lunch, recess, "Chapel Buddies", etc.). We plan to return to our usual arrival and dismissal times and return to using "walk-ups" in K-8<sup>th</sup> grade. We will remove desk shields and return to using collaborative learning spaces and small group instruction. Preschool will remove partitions while maintaining low student-teacher ratios, allowing for expanded student access to resources in our larger classrooms. All of this will allow for a return to enrichment/gifted instruction, programs like band and middle school life skills courses (seminars), hosting our students in the lunchroom for socialization (in K-8), use of lockers and student movement in middle school, and more.

We learned last year that together, we can do big things, with the help of God, while He calls us to be strong and courageous (Joshua 1:9) and it is because of Him we can be! This year, you will hear of our new theme "In All Things" from Colossians 1:15-20 where we will continue to focus on Christ and His cross and learn more about how our Christian story includes all things where nothing and no one is left out. Together, we are all learning for life and leading for Christ, and we cannot wait to continue this journey with you in doing so in the school year ahead!

May God bless you and yours!

Kindly in Christ,

Royal Redeemer Lutheran School

