



October 13, 2020

Dear Parent(s) and/or Caregiver(s):

The letter contains three important updates.

First, thank you for your support and partnership while we introduced a hybrid model of instruction to start the school year. Our students, parents, and staff have remained creative and flexible. Nice job!

Second, while there is no optimal learning model for all students during the COVID-19 pandemic, our current plan has been maximizing instructional opportunities while maintaining a safe learning environment. Therefore, we will remain in **Hybrid Model #1** until the week of **January 4, 2021**.

During that time, regional, local, and internal infection rates, along with any impact they have on staffing, will be considered prior to increasing the frequency of in-person classroom instruction. The New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) and the State Education Department (SED) continues to require schools to mitigate virus-transmission rates within their buildings to protect the health and safety of students and staff.

Lastly, we are offering in-person therapy sessions on days when your child is not regularly scheduled to attend. Call 716-901-8755 if you are interested in therapy only on those days.

The NYSDOH has required all schools pivot to **remote learning** due to various circumstances. These may include high internal infection rates among students and/or staff, high numbers of staff placed on quarantine, and orders from the Governor. Such a change will be communicated to you via our robo-call system and through local media outlets.

Thank you for your continued support and positivity as we strive to do what is best for all of our students. I encourage our parents to follow our social media pages and remain in regular contact with your child's teacher and therapists for up-to-date and accurate information. Please direct any questions regarding our safety plans to CovidResponse@Cantalician.org.

Sincerely,

Jason Petko
Director of Education