

Note to Parents from the SCS Board:

Obviously, there is a lot of uncertainty during this COVID-19 pandemic. What school will look like for the 2020-21 school year is an example of this uncertainty. The Washington State Office of Superintendent for Public Instruction (“OSPI”) has recently provided short summaries of seven potential options for schools this Fall. These potential options range from traditional on-site face to face school to fully remote learning with several options in between. Unfortunately, at this time, we don’t know what will be available as options for schools this Fall.

Despite this uncertainty, the SCS Board wishes to provide its Society with the following commitments:

1. SCS will provide as much on-site face to face school for the 2020-21 school year as is allowed by the applicable government agencies. SCS is committed to bringing back its students to the SCS campuses to the fullest extent allowed. If traditional, on-site face to face school is allowed, then that is what SCS will offer this Fall.
2. Because of potential social distancing requirements for schools, SCS is developing a model of education that anticipates class size limitations and other person-to-person contact restrictions. The intent of this model is to get the students on-site as much as possible even if the State limits class sizes, especially at the elementary grade levels where distance learning can be very difficult. This will require creative use of classroom space and teachers, but it may allow SCS to satisfy potential class size limitations without necessarily rotating groups of students.
3. Because it is possible that traditional, on-site face to face school may not be an allowed option, SCS is considering significant technology upgrades to be used as a supplement to any partially allowed on-site education or for any period in which schools may not be allowed to educate on-site during the 2020-21 school year. These upgrades could include making Chromebooks or other devices more available to SCS students, consistent school use of online educational platforms, and training SCS teachers to use such devices and platforms. SCS’ desire is not to teach exclusively with distance learning, but to be ready to use it as a tool to supplement on-site education or to be used during any period in which schools might be closed by the State.
4. SCS will continue to monitor information coming from the offices of OSPI and the Governor with regards to reopening schools this Fall. The SCS Board will keep its Society informed of all decisions it makes with regards to the upcoming school year.

Please remember that the early registration deadline at SCS is June 11, 2020. Families registering by that date are eligible to have their entire \$500 Building and Use Fee waived. Families may still choose to pay the \$400 discounted Building and Use Fee with their registrations, and it will be treated as a donation for which a tax receipt will be given. Registrations received after June 11, 2020 should include payment of the full \$500 Building Use Fee.