

July 23, 2020

Dear Tolles Families,

The 2020-2021 academic year promises to be different than any year before. We learned many lessons when we began the extended closure on March 16, but there is still much more for us to learn, design, create, and dream.

At Tolles, we are committed to establish a safe and healthy learning environment for students and staff and to create an environment that goes beyond our students', families' and partners' expectations by providing marketable skills and positive relationships to ensure all Tolles' graduates are prepared for **their** successful futures. We will do this regardless of how we must structure our school day because of the COVID-19 Pandemic.

With this in mind, we developed a comprehensive, responsible restart plan that not only takes into account the recommendations provided by the Ohio and Madison County Departments of Health, the Ohio Department of Education and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) but also considers the wants, needs, and aspirations of our students, families, staff members and community partners.

In preparing this plan, we:

- examined best-practice;
- reviewed example plans developed by other Ohio school districts and Career Centers; and
- conducted focus-groups of both staff and students.

This was done in an effort to make decisions that were well-informed and met the specific needs of our learning organization.

During the focus group meetings, everyone shared that the ideal restart would be for students to attend Tolles' Career Campus full-time, if possible. This would allow students to not only experience the hands-on learning Tolles is known for, but it would also provide students with access to the social, health, nutritional, and other supports on which many of our families depend. With this being said, students and staff also expressed a willingness to participate in a blended model that would allow teachers to build learning momentum and allow students to access necessary resources while helping to mitigate the spread of COVID-19. Based on all of this information, Tolles has created three likely models for instructional delivery for the 2020-2021 school year.

This robust plan not only helps to ensure that a high-quality education is delivered to students but also helps to support the health and safety of each member of our learning organization -- in other words, it allows us to achieve our mantra and **LIFT ALL STUDENTS**.





Attached to this email, you will find general information about the three most likely scenarios for opening school-based on current information.

- Level 1 Blended Learning
- Level 2 Blended Learning
- Remote Learning

- Tolles Career & Technical Center will announce the plan we intend to open with on Friday, August 7.
- However, ALL PLANS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE to move to a more restrictive instructional delivery model if the health situation requires us to do so.

Tolles will operate with one instructional delivery model for an entire nine weeks unless circumstances require us to move to a more restrictive instructional delivery model.

I know this is a challenging time. We will cross uncharted waters together and the end result will be an amazing school year of high-quality learning! Thank you for allowing us to be a part of your journey.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Emmy Beeson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Emmy" and last name "Beeson" clearly distinguishable.

Emmy Beeson
Superintendent

