



July 16, 2020

Dear Staff and Families,

At next week's Charter Council meeting, we will be discussing the ROCS's Opening of Schools plan for an August 19th start date. ROCS has communicated throughout the summer that we will base our plans/decisions first around the safety of students, families and staff. We also communicated that we must be prepared to pivot and adjust plans with changing virus conditions. Confirmed cases of COVID-19 have been rising in our community over the past week. The Mendocino County [Public Health Officer released a statement](#) last night recommending that schools start with full distance learning in August.

Therefore, safety and changing conditions have led us to reconsider starting with the hybrid in person option. At the Charter Council meeting, I will be recommending to the Council that we move to start the year in full distance learning.

Sincerely,

Emily Selim  
Superintendent/Principal  
River Oak Charter School