



July 30, 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Damar Charter Academy appreciates the patience and understanding of our families over the last weeks and months. We are thankful for the effort and energy that you have invested in supporting our students during this challenging time. We can all agree that the safety of our students remains our top priority.

Yesterday we received extensive guidance and very specific recommendations from the Marion County Health Department in relation to the re-opening of Damar Charter Academy. As Damar Charter Academy is located in Marion County – the County of highest COVID-19 infection rates in the state – we have reviewed the data at length and have vetted the recommendations fully. Because DCA serves a very vulnerable population, we are exceptionally cautious to ensure the safety of our students, our families and our faculty.

After close review, Damar Charter Academy has made the difficult decision to delay the re-opening of our in-person school option until October 19, 2020. The first day of school will remain Monday, August 17; however, services will only be delivered *virtually*. Our faculty is working diligently to ensure we can provide the most comprehensive educational experience possible. Your DCA teacher(s) will be reaching out in the next week to discuss specific plans with and for each family.

We remain committed to the progress of all of our students. We hope very much that over the next couple of months the infection rates in Marion County will decline and we can begin in-person instruction once again. We appreciate all of the support and understanding our Dragon families have shown these past months.

Respectfully,

Aimee Brown
Director of School Operations/Principal

Dr. Jim L. Dalton
Superintendent