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WILBRAHAM & MONSON ACADEMY ANNOUNCES FALL 2020 REOPENING PLANS

WILBRAHAM - Wilbraham & Monson Academy is pleased to announce its plans to re-open in person for the 217th academic year of the Academy. WMA is confident in its preparations and looks forward to welcoming back students after a long summer and two months of emergency online learning caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

In a letter to families, Head of School Brian P. Easler outlined the Academy's plans, recognizing that circumstances may change and WMA will continue to make adjustments as needed. "We are confident and excited to welcome all of our students back to campus for the coming school year," Mr. Easler said. "After months of planning and developing contingencies for various scenarios, we believe that the 217th academic year of Wilbraham & Monson Academy will be as transformational as our families and alumni have come to expect, and we look forward to seeing our students back on our lovely campus where they belong."

WMA is also planning for a normal athletic and activity year. In coordination with its peer schools, the Academy has organized a full interscholastic schedule for the fall, and scheduling for the winter season is in process. Recognizing that disruptions may be possible, WMA has a full contingent of possible program alterations and alternatives should conditions and restrictions change.

A significant change to the academic calendar will be a planned three full weeks of online learning in between the Fall and Winter holiday breaks (Dec. 2-18). This will reduce the risk of viral spread resulting from travel or family vacations and will add a layer of protection for students, their families and staff.

As part of this plan, WMA will be rolling out an exciting new Hybrid Learning program this fall. The program will provide a learning experience that is personalized for each family's needs, regardless of whether students or faculty are in the classroom, or accessing the class remotely.

Among other precautionary plans, social distancing, mask-wearing and hand washing will continue to be the most essential steps to mitigate the risk of infection and spread of COVID-19. WMA will also be testing all boarding students upon arrival to campus and students, faculty and staff will be tested on a regular basis. Additionally, the Academy will have spaces to quarantine and isolate members of the community if necessary. Each classroom, office and dorm room will be equipped with air purifiers, cleaning operations will be enhanced and plans for socially-distanced classroom spaces are already underway. To read the full communication of current reopening plans, please visit www.wma.us/backtoschool.

Wilbraham & Monson Academy is a transformational college preparatory middle and upper school experience for boarding and day students. Students and teachers from throughout the United States and around the world live and learn in a caring, supportive, coeducational community, enriched by a 200-year heritage of inclusion and diversity.