



Dear Warrior Families,

As I informed you in my note last Friday, the Governor of California announced that schools located in counties that are on the state's COVID-19 monitoring list cannot physically open for instruction until their respective counties have cleared public health benchmarks for 14 consecutive days. San Diego County is currently on this monitoring list along with 32 other counties, and we are tracking the daily numbers and local updates very closely.

As a result of this difficult and unforeseen turn of events, I want to share with you our preliminary strategy for beginning the 2020-2021 School Year. Please note that **this situation is still fluid** and we will notify you immediately of any changes that may occur. We plan to begin classes on September 9<sup>th</sup> regardless of San Diego County's monitoring list status. Our **strong** desire is to open with in-person instruction, **but** we remain ready with a robust Remote Learning program should the county fail to clear the COVID benchmarks in time.

We understand that Remote Learning is not ideal for anyone, but we feel strongly that this would be a short inconvenience for our Cadets and families. Academy leadership is currently developing a strategy regarding a weekly fee for the duration of our Remote Learning program (details to follow). When Cadets return to campus, the annual tuition will be prorated for the weeks remaining for the school year. Our commitment to our Cadets remains strong, and we are endeavoring to keep our Warrior Family together during what we hope is a short period of time. Our mission remains steadfastly the same: To educate, mentor and develop good character and leadership in your young men.

If we must begin the school year with our Remote Learning program, it will be a more vigorous and comprehensive structure than we had during the Spring Semester and unlike any program you will find anywhere else. We have laid plans for a structured daily schedule for every Cadet that includes live instruction and tutorials from teachers, as well as expanded support from staff and counselors. We will also have live TAC time, PT training, and mentoring on our core values, character development and leadership. For our International Cadets in different time zones, we will provide full recordings of all lessons and activities at the end of each day.

We currently have seven weeks before the start of the school year, which still provides San Diego County the opportunity to clear the monitoring list. We will have a formal decision for all families no later than August 14<sup>th</sup> regarding whether Remote Learning will be required to start the school year.

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Let me reiterate that the health and safety of everyone on this campus is of paramount importance and we have a comprehensive reopening plan ready to implement as soon as we are allowed to do so. We will continue to keep you apprised of the situation as the State of California releases additional information. We look forward to the day when we can put this all behind us and welcome your sons back.

Warrior Proud! Warrior Strong! Warrior Resilient!!

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