



October 19, 2020

Dear Biome Families,

COVID-19 has significantly impacted our community and our world, and as you know, this pandemic has caused us to reshape the educational program at The Biome. The unexpected but necessary shifts to distanced learning at the end of last year and through the beginning of this school year were challenging and stressful; however, The Biome has remained committed to high level teaching and learning. Throughout this pandemic, Biome families have experienced many hardships, including supporting their children's academic growth, securing safe and supportive childcare, and finding and/or maintaining employment during these uncertain economic times. We appreciate your efforts to support not only your children's learning, but also our efforts to provide instruction that is meaningful and safe.

After much discussion with local health care officials and The Biome's Board of Directors, we have decided that **Thursday, November 5, 2020 will be the last day for distanced learning. The Biome School will reopen under our Fixed-Blended Plan on Wednesday, November 11, 2020.** Below is a table which indicates in-person instructional days under the Fixed Blended Model. Under this model, each family will be assigned to either Group A or Group B, and children will attend school, in-person, according to both their assigned group and the schedule shown.

Table C: AMI-X Fixed Blended Attendance Schedule					
	Weekly Schedule				
Group A	M	T	W	TH	F
Group B	M	T	W	TH	F

- **Green days: In-person learning**
- **Blue days: Independent or distanced learning**

We made the decision to shift to our Fixed Blended Model after thoughtfully considering the learning needs of Biome students, the results of our most recent parent/guardian survey (59% favoring the Fixed Blended Plan), and positive outcomes from city schools providing in-person learning.



We know that families are anxious to receive information about our Fixed Blended Plan, including details about safety protocols that will be in place at The Biome. We will begin sharing that information during our **Phase 2 Reopening Meeting on October 28, 2020, at 6:00 pm.**

Respectfully,

Bill Kent, Jr.  
President and CEO – The Biome