



7/17/20

Dear Mt. Royal Families,

I hope this letter finds you all healthy and safe. We continue to miss seeing all of you and interacting with you in person as we haven't been together now in 4 months. It is no secret that this is a very different summer for all of us. As rumors swirl around what school will look like in the fall I want to make sure that you hear from me specifically about Mt. Royal. The decision on the model in which we open (virtual, hybrid etc.) depends on a decision made by the City School Board of Commissioners and not by Mt. Royal administration. However, your thoughts are important to us so we have created several opportunities for families to provide feedback. We are seeking your thoughts about your comfort levels and ideas about the reopening of schools as well as learn about your virtual experience from this spring (see details below).

Additionally, it's important for families to know that we have created a summer planning team made up of staff who serve in diverse roles at the school. The team is planning to be prepared for any scenario that is decided for reopening. We recognize that the virtual learning experience left some families wanting more and we are working hard to ensure that instruction is more engaging and purposeful, that all families will have access to technology and that we are creating important spaces to train parents on the platforms, programs and tools that we are expecting students to use. We know that virtual learning puts a lot on families and we are striving to do a better job of supporting with this. Please make sure you take the time to provide feedback by participating in one of the options below so we can get a pulse on the reopening of school and learn how we can improve upon our distance learning program. See below for feedback options:

**Parent Survey:** Please take less than 10 minutes to complete this [SURVEY](#) and please check in with at least one other family to make sure that they have taken the survey as well (Yes I gave homework 😊).

#### **Parent Town Hall:**

Please join us on Tuesday 7/21 at 12:30 – Click Link: <https://us.bbcollab.com/invite/c1407beb9be34c20ba6840c6c7d08ff1>

Join by Phone: +1-571-392-7650      PIN: 176 308 1742

Please take care of yourselves, we miss you and your children greatly and I will be in touch once we have more clarity on what the fall will look like. Thank you in advance for your patience.  
Kindly,

Steve Skeen, Principal, Mt. Royal Elementary/Middle #66