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Dear Pathways Parents,

I had every intention of getting a 12-page document out to you yesterday outlining much of our plan (as far as we can anticipate) for beginning school in August and operating as safely as possible. However, due to the high infection rate in our central Texas area and rapidly changing guidelines and emergency health orders, I feel it would not be prudent to announce school-opening plans right this minute.

**I fully expect school will begin** in a somewhat reasonable time frame, and I speak for everyone that we cannot wait to welcome you and your children (back) to Pathways!! As a parent myself, I know what it's like to need and want more information, and I know how frustrating it is to constantly receive changing information. *Consequently, I want to see what (if any) additional emergency orders come out the rest of this week to offer you the most accurate information possible.* I do anticipate being able to share our plan with you very, very soon. I fully realize your need and desire to know exactly when school will start and how it will look. I know so many of you have jobs and other children that you must make plans for and decisions about. (I'm in the same boat!) Please also remember that no matter what I share now (or the next few days), it's *always subject to change* in this pandemic world.

Thank you for being so gracious and allowing me the time and space to process and make these decisions. I appreciate and recognize your patience, more than you know! In the meantime, I recently participated in a training and that caused me to pause and notice that I've been so consumed with all the details, policies, and procedures for school that I needed to tell you about, that I never took the time to ask what's most important to you? What's the most important thing to make you feel "good" and relatively "safe" about sending your child to preschool in this season? What would make you feel like your child's school really wanted to partner with you in making this preschool experience the best it can be, given the situation? If you would indulge me by completing this [short, 4-question survey](#), I would love to hear from you. Now's your chance! 😊

Thanks so much and stay safe!

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