



The
Gooden
School

July 17, 2020

Dear Gooden School Community,

In April, I sent a letter to our community that stated: “In previous messages to the Gooden community, I have said that we will reopen for in-class and in-person instruction when it is safe and appropriate to do so.” We have not changed that position.

Today, California Governor Gavin Newsom declared that any public or private school cannot physically reopen until the county in which it resides has been off the [COVID-19 Monitoring List](#) for 14 consecutive days. Schools that don't meet this requirement may only conduct distance learning. Clearly, Los Angeles County has been and continues to be on the monitoring list and so this applies to Gooden. We will continue to monitor the situation closely and follow any updated guidance.

Yesterday evening administrative staff members and I conducted the last of five parent Zoom meetings outlining our plans to reopen for the 2020-2021 academic year. These meetings were productive and informative.

I noted that faculty are prepared for both in-person learning and distance learning for those students who opt not to attend in person. This means that faculty are also prepared to engage in distance learning instruction for all, and they will also be ready to welcome our students on-campus, and deliver in-person instruction, once it is safe to do so.

We understand that this is a difficult time for our community, our families, and our students. We appreciate the support of all of our families during this time. We are committed to making the experience of the school day, as well as the teaching and learning expectations and platforms, consistent and robust regardless of our method of instruction.

Thank you for your phone calls, emails, for responding to our surveys, and for being supportive of our efforts to ensure the health and safety of everyone at Gooden.

Omnes viae Romam ducunt - Though the pathway has changed, we will get to the same place.

With best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jo-Anne Woolner". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'J' and 'A'.

Jo-Anne Woolner
Head of School