



**JAMES IRWIN CHARTER SCHOOLS**  
*Committed to Character Development and Academic Excellence*

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Dear Parents, Guardians, and Students:

With the past school year ending in such a strange way, I wanted to take a moment to introduce myself and talk a little about our current plans for opening school in the fall. There seems to be a lot of information going around about school not opening or opening with limited capacity, and we recognize that for most families this is a financial and logistical hardship.

My name is Rob Daugherty and I have been with James Irwin Charter Schools since 2007. I have served as a teacher, a dean of students, maintenance director, principal, and as of June 1, 2020 I took over as the Chief Executive Officer as a result of Mr. Berg's retirement. I want you to know that I am available for questions or concerns and I encourage you to email me, call me, or make an appointment to visit with me by contacting Ginger Brining at (719) 302-9017. If you have a concern about a building leader or teacher, it is important that you start at the school before contacting my office directly. One of my concerns right now, and I am sure many of you share the same concern, is how school will look this fall.

According to a conversation Colorado Governor Jared Polis had with charter school leaders on June 3, Polis predicted that schools could be allowed to open with class sizes of 25 by fall. Barring a legal mandate, James Irwin Charter Schools' plan is to have all children attend in-school learning five days per week. JICS plans on staggering recess, lunchtime, and passing periods to keep students separated as much as possible. JICS' philosophy is to always ask, "What is best for students?" It is our strong belief that attending in-class instruction five days per week is really what is best for students. We will be implementing aggressive cleaning and sanitation procedures throughout the day and will teach students the importance of proper hygiene and distancing.

Our hope is to see everyone back in class this fall, and it is our goal to make this happen. I welcome any concerns or ideas that you have, and I will continue to update you as plans progress. Thank you for choosing James Irwin Charter Schools.

Sincerely,

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