



# COTTING SCHOOL

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Dear Cotting Families,

Last week marked the one year anniversary of Cotting's response to Covid-19. A year ago we paused our in-person learning amid a swirl of confusing and scary information about the "Coronavirus." After one day to collect materials and switch gears, we met up with you and our students online on Monday.

It is remarkable to think about how much we have all learned since that initial pause. Had we known then what we were up against, would we have had the fortitude to move ahead? I would like to think so, because the Cotting Community can do hard things. We have risen to each challenge and worked together.

Our students have been the energy behind each new push forward. Their spirit and smiles provide the fuel our staff needs to continue to be creative and responsive. Together, the relationships between students, staff and families have been the foundation of our resilience through a long, hard year. Thank you for being there to pick us up when we have needed it. We hope we have done the same for you and your family.

## Full-time In Person

We are getting ready to cross one more milestone. **Beginning Wednesday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021, we will resume in person learning on Wednesdays.** There will no longer be a remote Wednesday or hybrid option for students. Students who have elected to be fully remote can continue that path. Families wishing to return in person from a fully remote status should contact Karen Waddill at [kwaddill@cotting.org](mailto:kwaddill@cotting.org) to schedule that return. We will continue attestation forms for all students.

As we return to a more "normal" schedule, we will no longer offer an "Absent but Remote Participation" alternative. Students attending in person may not feel well or have appointments on a school day and need to be absent. That's okay! We will make an exception to this policy for a student who may need to quarantine for an extended period of time.

I hope you enjoy the later sunsets this week even as those mornings seem to come very early! Spring is on the way!

Regards,

Bridget Irish

Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, Cotting School

