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Dr. William Kalmar  
*Superintendent*

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Dear Almont Community Schools Families and Students,

**Yesterday, the Board of Education approved my request to change the start of our school year to August 31, 2020.** I requested this so we could ensure that our online learning platform for virtual/distance learners was prepared, and to make sure we have met all staffing and facility's needs for in-person instruction.

Since the Governor released the *MI Safe Schools: Michigan 2020-2021 Return to School Roadmap* in July, we have endeavored to create learning environments for our students which meet the stringent in-person requirements for us to reopen for traditional instruction. To reopen for in-person instruction required us to meet or exceed over 200 requirements and recommendations that are part of the *MI Safe Schools: Michigan 2020-2021 Return to School Roadmap*. In addition to this, we have also been finalizing a K-12 virtual program for students who wish to remain as distance learners for the 2020-2021 school year.

The planning for these options has included curricular modifications, facility improvements, revised daily schedules, revised procedures and a significant financial investment in cleaning supplies and personal protective equipment. I am very proud of the work we have done with administration, support staff, bus drivers and teachers in meeting this challenge.

I cannot guarantee that we will not face additional challenges as we reopen as the only constant we have seen since March of 2020 is change.

If you have specific questions or concerns which I can address, please do not hesitate to call me, or to email me at [bkamar@almontschools.org](mailto:bkamar@almontschools.org).

Sincerely,

William Kalmar, PhD

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