



May 21, 2020

To Whom it May Concern:

COSSA Academy Alternative School has been working in close collaboration to meet the criteria outlined by the State Board of Education and Southwest District Health, which utilizes the most up-to-date guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in order to safely operate amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

This letter is to endorse COSSA Academy Alternative School in their pursuit of re-opening during the Spring/Summer of 2020. COSSA Academy Alternative School has reviewed and updated policies and procedures and developed mitigation strategies to address the level of local community spread of COVID-19, including intensified cleaning and disinfecting protocols, identification of feasible social distancing strategies, updated policies for illnesses and absenteeism, plans for short-term dismissal for positive COVID-19 cases, and identified ways to accommodate needs of children and families at risk for serious illness from COVID-19 cases. The school has shown commitment in establishing and maintaining an effective relationship with Southwest District Health to help address changing circumstances. A full list of completed criteria is attached to this letter.

At this time, Southwest District Health fully endorses COSSA Academy Alternative School in re-opening in-person, school-based education as defined in their plan.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Nikole Zogg".

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