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Dear SLD Read Community,

As we make the transition to summer, I wanted to take an opportunity to thank each of you for your support, patience, and perseverance as we have navigated many unforeseen changes due to the COVID 19 pandemic. I realize that each family has a unique situation and are facing different challenges. I am so appreciative of your partnership as we continue to work together to navigate this unique time.

At SLD Read the health and safety of our families and staff is our primary focus. Our staff continues to support and train our tutors, allowing our online tutoring experiences to grow even more impactful. As the state has lifted some restrictions, we find ourselves facing choices about how tutoring will be conducted with the knowledge that COVID 19 is still present in our communities. The Center for Disease Control recently released its recommendations for reducing risk when entering public spaces, even as states that have eased restrictions are seeing indicators of increased cases of COVID 19.

Recommendations from the health community continue to emphasize the importance of maintaining at least six feet of social distancing space, wearing a face-covering in enclosed spaces or if unable to maintain social distancing, limiting the sharing of items, and reducing the duration of contact time between individuals. Based on these recommendations and guidelines, the public spaces where tutoring occurs in person, such as libraries, remain closed for general use. Because these guidelines severely restrict the nature of 1:1 in-person tutoring, SLD Read will continue the use of online tutoring through the summer, while monitoring and evaluating the need to reassess. If technology or internet availability prevents online tutoring from being an option for your family please reach out to the Education Services Manager at your nearest office.

The offices have reopened with limited staffing, with many appointments being conducted virtually. We are encouraging staff to work remotely at this time;



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however, some appointments are being scheduled in person. Any individual entering the offices will be required to wear a mask and to maintain social distancing.

I am grateful to the families and tutors who know the importance of continuing to provide reading instruction, even in the most challenging times, and who have been adaptable and committed to developing stronger readers in our communities. Please follow our Facebook page or our website to receive updates on any changes in our policies or procedures.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Amy Walker".

Amy Walker
Chief Executive Officer
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