

August 28, 2009

Dear Parents,

I would like to thank you all for your patience and understanding as we have moved through this health incident which resulted in the temporary closure of school. As I am sure you might imagine there are many opinions from both ends of the spectrum regarding the best course of action to take. Please know that the decision for school closure was made with the best intentions and with the health and safety of all the children at ECLC foremost in our minds. Furthermore, it was supported by the advice Dr. Byung-wook Yoo, a well-respected physician from the Soon Chun Hyang University Hospital.

Rather than looking backward, allow me to outline where we go from here. **School will resume Thursday, September 3 at 9:00 am as usual.** Our *ajumas* will be doing a thorough disinfection cleaning of the school prior to our opening that morning. We will continue all the preventative measures with the children that were mentioned in earlier emails. Additionally, all classrooms will have hand sanitizer which the children will use regularly throughout the day.

We will be holding our "Back to School Night" for parents that same day from 6:30 pm until 8:00 pm. A separate email invitation will be forthcoming.

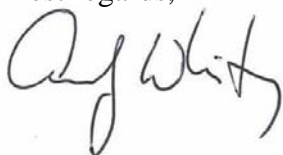
Regarding the possibility of further school closing, let me just say that this would occur only in the most extreme situations. The Center for Disease Control in the United States states:

"Schools should check students and staff for fever and other symptoms of flu when they get to school in the morning, separate those who are ill, and send them home as soon as possible. Throughout the day, staff should be vigilant in identifying students and other staff who appear ill. CDC may recommend preemptive school dismissals if the flu starts to cause severe disease in a significantly larger proportion of those affected."

That is the advice that we will follow going forward. As stated earlier, the decision to send your child to school is yours and we at ECLC will respect that decision.

Your understanding and support is highly appreciated. I welcome your constructive thoughts and ideas. Thank you to those of you who have conveyed your concerns and perspectives. Let's work together for a safe and healthy journey for our children and families as we continue the school year.

Best regards,



Andy Whitney  
Head of School