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DMLK Parents and Guardians,

July 22nd, 2020

We are working diligently to prepare as best as possible for our school year during these constantly-changing times. We have some important information we need to communicate with you to ensure we are all on the same page. ***Please note—Because our current situation is fluid, it is possible that the information on this letter could get modified at some point.** We will do our best to communicate through autodialers, text, emails and social media.

Our first day of school is August 24th, and ALL STUDENTS will NOW start remote for the first quarter of the year through October 16th. The district will monitor the health data to plan for a gradual return to in-person instruction.

Our online registration window and the Annual Family Update (AFU) opened on Monday, July 27th. Please be sure to update your student's information via the DPS Parent Portal in order to register at DMLK. You can update your parent portal account at myportal@dpsk12.org and you can also learn more information about the Annual Family Update by visiting schoolchoice@dpsk12.org.

The AFU will give you the option to select 100% remote learning or to attend in-person at DMLK (which again, will begin remote until at least September 8). Please take your time before completing this document. Consider your options and weight them against the district and public health guidance prior to making a commitment. The commitment that you select will be your student's placement for the entire first semester.

Remote Learning vs. In-Person Learning

Select Enroll in In-Person Learning or a Virtual Program for the Fall Semester. With the 2020-21 school year approaching, it's time for families to choose their preferred learning option for the fall semester in addition to the DMLK registration process.

Beginning July 27th, families will make a final selection and enroll in either in-person learning at DMLK, or a virtual program for each student. Visit www.dpsk12.org/coronavirus/return-2020 for more information about these two options. Please note the decision to officially enroll in either in-person learning or a virtual program is final through December 2020. If you choose a virtual program, your student will still keep their enrollment spot at the school they were expected to attend for the 2020-21 fall semester.

The fastest, most convenient way to officially enroll is through Annual Family Update, DPS' online registration process. As in past years, you also will be able to verify and update your household information during Annual Family Update. To take part in Annual Family Update, first make sure you have an active Parent Portal account at myportal.dpsk12.org. Then, sign in beginning July 27. The registration deadline for DMLK is August 7th. For more information on Annual Family Update, visit schoolchoice.dpsk12.org.

You will need to complete BOTH the DPS survey in addition to registering through our school below.

July 27th-August 7th— is the registration window for DMLK (**Registration is ONLINE ONLY**)

To complete registration:

1. Visit our school website, mlk.dpsk12.org
2. Click on **ATTEND DMLK**
3. Click on **REGISTER**
4. Each document listed will have a directive containing paperwork to review or fill out
5. Review each document or complete each step (7 steps total)
6. **Complete the Exit Survey**



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Registration Support

If you have questions about the DMLK registration process, you can also email DMLKRegistration@dpsk12.org or call 720.466.5321.

We are looking starting a series of **Virtual Town Hall Meetings** hosted by our administration team to hear directly from our families on how to best to help us understand your struggles and priorities that will allow us to ensure that we are responsive to the needs of our DMLK community. Dates:

Thursday, August 13, 2020 - 5:00pm. <https://zoom.us/j/97154087403?pwd=VFNGUUtXNUNYSUIUdThiSmFFSHdOdz09>

Friday, August 14, 2020- 12:15pm <https://zoom.us/j/98064942815?pwd=cENUaThrKOR5bzJXa2N6cTlxZW5VZz09>

Technology

If your student (s) is/are:

*New to the district

*New to DMLK

Please fill out the following link:

<https://tinyurl.com/DMLKtechneeds>

Concurrent Enrollment-From the Higher Education Initiatives Team) It has come to our attention you may have heard that all Concurrent/Dual Enrollment courses are starting on August 17 instead of on the district start date of August 24. This may not be accurate, depending on where the course is being taken. Please take a moment to read the information below to ensure your schools and students are aware of the correct start date for Concurrent/Dual Enrollment courses.

Start Date for Concurrent Enrollment

If the Concurrent/Dual Enrollment class is taught at your high school, the class will start on Monday, August 24 when the district starts.

If the Concurrent/Dual Enrollment class is taught on the college campus, a student must follow the college calendar and start when the college starts. College start dates vary so please check the college calendar.

CE/ASCENT Resource Guide

As in Spring 2020, please refer to the CE/ASCENT Resource Guide for the most current information about Concurrent/Dual Enrollment for each college partner (including start dates). We are updating this guide as information comes in so please refer to it and check back frequently.

Don't hesitate to email brian_cochran@dpsk12.org with any questions with any questions regarding Concurrent Enrollment.

Calendar/Events

We recognize that as the year progresses, we may need to shift dates around to accommodate our student's learning, but more importantly, ensure their safety and health are held as the priority. A majority of our dates align with the district calendar; some of the teal days may change once voted upon by the SGB. We will notify you as these changes are made. We also acknowledge that our community and social engagements that were once offered in person may look different this year. We are brainstorming various opportunities to still celebrate life and each other while honoring the CDC regulations. Events such as drive in movies, drive thru parades, and social distance graduations have already been tested and well-received. We hope you will join us as we host events throughout the year! Please keep an eye on our social media for updates and invitations to our upcoming events! If you would like to support or volunteer for any of our events, please contact JOSE_MARTINEZ-CASTELLANOS@dpsk12.org.



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Whole Child Support

With unprecedented times such as these, we understand needs for students and families may be different from when we are in a school building 100% of the time. We know there are a variety of existing factors and events taking place that could take a family out of their traditional routine and place additional stress on the household. Please remember we have the following staff members in place to assist our students and families get back on track:

Pamala Vaughn-Trauma/Addictions Social Worker (Pamala_Vaughn@dpsk12.org)

Cyndi Hawkes- Social Worker (Cyndi_hawkes@dpsk12.org)

Gabby Bonilla-Social Worker (gbonilladmlk@gmail.com) habla español

Anahita Khosravi-Psychologist (Anahita_khosravi@dpsk12.org)

Felicia Hawkins– School Nurse (Felicia_hawkins@dpsk12.org)

Jose Martinez- Family and Community Liaison (Jose_Martinez-Castellanos@dpsk12.org)

Michelyn Johnson- FACE (Family and Community Engagement (Michelyn_Johnson@dpsk12.org)

From the Counselors

Schedules can be found by logging into student portal, **however** counselors are still working on them and are subject to change. They will communicate the process for schedule changes and time frame to their caseloads through email in the coming weeks. Students, be sure to check your DPS email daily to ensure you are accessing your courses and information being shared with you by DMLK staff.

If you have direct questions for your counselor, please contact:

Grades 6,9-Sebrinia_Welch@dpsk12.org;

Grades 7,8-Jessica_seifert@dpsk12.org;

Grades 10-12 Last names A-L-Hap_Legg@dpsk12.org;

Grades 10-12 Last names M-Z Jody_Wickers@dpsk12.org

Athletics

High School- The FNE Warrior program is closely monitoring any updates provided from CHSAA regarding fall sports and moving forward. High school football has begun optional practices; we will send any updates including dates, locations and contact information as soon as we learn more. In the meantime, please ensure your student-athlete has an updated physical for this school year. For additional questions, please contact mindi_onwuegbu@dpsk12.org.

Middle School- Middle school sports do not typically begin their seasons until the school year begins. We will communicate tryout and practice times once the school year is underway. In the meantime, please ensure your student-athlete has an updated physical for this school year. For additional questions, please contact Jason_murdock@dpsk12.org.



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Additional Information

We understand there are still questions around purchasing uniforms, school supplies, picture days, locker distribution, etc. We will continue to send out correspondence as we receive information.

Please note, any decisions made regarding the school year has been done at the district level; they are basing their decisions based on CDC regulations and updates from reputable sources. Please continue to keep an eye on the district communication as well as DMLK's for the latest updates. We're looking forward to a great school year; we miss our students and families dearly!

Stay connected!

Be sure you follow us through one of our social media platforms where you can find the most up-to-date information!

[Facebook](#)

[Twitter](#)

[Instagram](#)

[Website](#)

Snapchat- dmlkjec

Thank you for flexibility and cooperation during these unpredictable times.

Sincerely,

Kimberly Grayson

Principal, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Early College