



December 18, 2020

Parents,

We are continuing to monitor information related to the COVID-19 pandemic, with particular attention to local data. Local medical professionals and public health agencies are preparing for increased rates of transmission following the winter break. Based on current local data and advice from our medical community and public health agencies, we will return for the spring semester using a phased-in approach on January 6, 2021:

Phase one: January 6-15, 2021

Choice model: grades Pre-K-5 and self-contained special education students

Virtual instruction model: grades 6-12

Phase two: January 19, 2021

Choice model: all students, grades Pre-K-12

To ensure our students are prepared for this approach, please make sure your student:

1. Receives his/her learning device and instructional materials before leaving for the winter break.
2. Places his/her learning device in a safe place to avoid damage or theft.
3. Keeps each device fully charged.

During this time, we will continue to monitor our community's status with an emphasis on safety first. The pandemic has created a different normal for all of us and we empathize with any inconveniences you may experience resulting from these changes. However, please be assured that we will continue to balance safety guidelines against the educational needs of our students with the best information available to us. In addition, we will make sure that you receive important details as timely as possible.

We understand your concerns and will do our best to address each situation with careful consideration. Please be patient with our instructional teams and support staff. We are here for you and look forward to a safe return January 6, 2021.

Thank you for your continued understanding, grace and confidence.

Sincerely,

David F. Lewis, Ed.D.
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