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Dear South Atlanta Families,

We hope this letter finds all of our South Atlanta families healthy and safe. By now, you should have heard from each of us regarding Atlanta Public Schools' decision to begin the new school year virtually on August 24, 2020. As the South Atlanta Cluster Principals, we wanted to share with our whole community that we are working together to prepare a successful virtual start for all of our children and families, we want to make you aware of some of the most important things we know so far:

All students will have access to working technology and/or a hotspot for WIFI if needed. Students will need access to a device and reliable internet for the entire school day. Each school will send a survey to families to assess technology needs.

As soon as we are aware of the district requirements for scheduling, grading, attendance and accountability we will share them with you. Please know we understand the strain this may put on working families and will be as flexible and supportive as possible.

While we will be flexible, attendance and work completion are required for all students. It is extremely important that you communicate with us regularly about anything that will keep your student from being engaged daily so we can offer support.

School staff will begin reaching out in the coming weeks to students who were not engaged in the Spring to see how we can support you being successful in the Fall. High school students will be offered an opportunity to clear any "Incompletes" received in the Spring.

Each school will send out a schedule for when students can come in during the ***week of August 17th*** in small groups to meet their teachers, and to receive technology (if needed). Updates will be sent on social media, Class Dojo and Infinite Campus about virtual schedules and dates for meeting teachers, testing, and picking up items. Stay connected!

All schools are currently completing registration for students who will be newly enrolled (did not attend last year). The process is online here... <https://www.atlantapublicschools.us/Page/34748>

Sincerely,

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