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Dear APS Families and Stakeholders:

As Atlanta Public Schools (APS) prepares to return to school from this holiday break, we must remain committed to the health and safety of our students and staff amid the recent surge in COVID-19 cases. We have made tremendous strides in minimizing the impact of COVID-19 in our district by implementing a myriad of comprehensive mitigation strategies. Surveillance testing is offered at all locations every week for students. APS staff are required to be tested twice a week. The benefits of regular testing include detecting the presence of COVID-19 even in individuals who may be asymptomatic and being able to prevent further spread in our buildings. Also, surveillance testing allows APS to test, receive test results (within 24 hours), and notify individuals of a clinically significant reading before coming to school or work. E-Consent forms are now available and need to only be completed once to allow testing for the school year: <http://tinyURL.com/HealthyAPS>

Keeping our students and staff safe is our top priority. Implementing comprehensive mitigation strategies is one way we continue to minimize exposure to COVID-19 in our schools.

Yours in Truth,
Joi C. Kilpatrick
Principal