

Dear Caregivers:

Today, the Superintendent of Atlanta Public Schools, Dr. Lisa Herring, announced that APS will delay its return to face-to-face instruction due to an unfavorable trend in COVID-19 cases in our community and in consultation with public health officials and healthcare experts.

That means the District and all four Purpose Built Schools – Thomasville Heights, Slater, Price and Carver STEAM – will postpone reopening plans for in-person learning until January 2021.

If you would like to know more about the reasoning behind this decision, you can read Dr. Herring's [blog post](#) and click [here](#) for FAQ about Phase II re-opening plans.

All of us at Purpose Built Schools agree with this decision. The health and safety of students and staff is paramount, and community health conditions right now make it hard to operate schools safely.

Even so, we recognize that in our recent outreach to our families, about 25% of you indicated you wanted to return to in-person learning, and we understand that for many of you this decision may be disappointing. Please know that we are committed to providing extraordinary virtual instruction over the next ten weeks, and we will continue our efforts to engage every student and every family.

We are grateful for your patience and support as we continue to work hard to ensure our children are given the very best virtual learning experience, while keeping our community safe.

Sincerely,

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