

Dear Team and Family,

Today, Atlanta Public Schools superintendent, Dr. Lisa Herring, announced that Atlanta Public Schools 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 will postpone all reopening plans for in-person learning until January 2021.

Safety and *excellence* have been our guiding principles with all decisions. We had seen favorable data in both Fulton County and the city of Atlanta and were optimistic this downward trend would continue and cases would stay below 100, placing us outside of the substantial spread category. Unfortunately, this week we saw an increase in cases across the board. We agree with APS's decision to delay any return to in person instruction. As a result we will also delay the small group pilot we had hoped to launch in the coming weeks. We are all eager to get back to in person learning and our team will continue to explore new ways to help ensure we are reaching each and every scholar through virtual learning.

You can see the communication from Atlanta Public Schools [here](#).

Thank you so much for the flexibility and grace you continue to show during this unprecedented time. We are committed to keeping you informed and will continue to gather your input and feedback as we navigate this school year.

With gratitude,
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