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Dear BEST Academy Families and Caregivers,

Atlanta Public Schools (APS) is continuing its effort to keep everyone in our schools and buildings safe by making COVID-19 Surveillance Testing available to all students and staff. COVID-19 Surveillance Testing is a non-diagnostic test that detects the presence of COVID-19 even in individuals who may be asymptomatic.

The benefits of surveillance testing include early detection of positive individuals to limit the spread of COVID-19 in our schools and buildings, as well as, rapid results and notifications for impacted individuals within 24 hours of testing. This allows for parents and staff to make informed decisions regarding healthcare and taking the needed precautions prior to coming to school or work.

APS has partnered with Viral Solutions to make school-wide testing available for both students and staff at BEST. Testing will be available once per week for in-person students and staff beginning this **Monday, March 1**. While participation in surveillance testing is not required for students, it is strongly encouraged. Parents who want their children to be tested must sign and return the consent form that will cover your child for one year. The [consent form](#) and [notice of privacy policy](#) are hyperlinked and attached. These documents can also be found on the District's website at www.atlantapublicschools.us/COVID-testing.

Atlanta Public Schools believes that this mitigation strategy will help drive the ability to keep our staff and students safe and in school. You can learn more about COVID-19 Surveillance Testing by reviewing the videos linked [here](#).

Thank you for your commitment to keeping our B.E.S.T. Academy Community healthy and safe. For more information and updates on the District's health and mitigation strategies, visit www.atlantapublicschools.us/APSProtects.

Sincerely,

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