## Hollis Innovation Academy

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Greetings, Hollis Parents & Guardians!

I hope that you and your loved ones are well. Before providing you with an update, I want to first acknowledge the tremendous work that you are doing daily to ensure that your children are in attendance and engaged in online learning. As a staff, we recognize the enormous task of managing your children's day-to-day instruction and balancing the necessity to work and maintain your households. We thank you, and we appreciate your patience and support.

Our Superintendent, Dr. Lisa Herring and the Atlanta Board of Education are currently considering a plan to slowly phase students back into a face-to-face instructional model. This model is being considered based on the number of COVID-19 cases and the level of community spread. On Wednesday, September 23, Dr. Herring presented the Phase 2 Return to Learning plan. This plan would allow students in Pre-K through 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade and Low Incidence Special Education Classes to return to school beginning Monday, October 26. These students will attend school following a hybrid model, organized into two groups: Students in one group will come to school and receive face-to-face instruction at Hollis on Thursday and Friday. Wednesdays will be reserved for deep cleaning, and no students will be in the building.

Please be on the lookout for a survey to gauge your intentions for Phase 2 learning options. The purpose of the survey is to determine if you would like for your child(ren) to return to face-to-face instruction for two days out of the week, or if you would prefer to continue with virtual learning. I encourage you to complete the survey, which will give us the necessary data to provide your children with the best possible education.

For more information about this model, I invite you to engage in the District Town Hall hosted by Dr. Herring today, Thursday, September 25 at 6:00 PM on <u>Facebook Live</u>.

Please feel free to reach out to the school on <u>Facebook</u>, <u>Instagram</u>, or <u>Twitter</u>. We also welcome your questions and concerns via the orange "Let's Talk" link found on the District or <u>Hollis website</u>. Lastly, we are always available to address your immediate needs at (404) 802-8200.

Parent, we are in this together. Thank you again for your continued support.

Thank you,

Dr. Diamond M. Ford, Principal Michael R. Hollis Innovation Academy

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