

July 10, 2020

Dear KIPP Metro Atlanta Team and Family,

I hope that this letter finds you well and your family safe. I am writing today with an update on our plans for the 2020-21 school year.

First and foremost, we are concerned about the **safety and well-being** of every member of our community: scholars, families, and staff. In developing our return to school plans, this has been our north star and will continue to be moving forward. Additionally, the input of our community is vital to helping us make this difficult decision. To that end, we are immensely grateful to all of you who took the time to complete our return to school survey.

Based upon the current climate and with the input of our community, we have made the difficult decision to **reopen schools for the 2020-21 School Year** in a **100% Virtual Model**. This decision was carefully considered and is ultimately what is necessary to ensure the health and safety of our community. Additionally, we will be delaying our first day of school until **Monday, August 17, 2020**.

At this time, our plan is to **remain in virtual instruction through October 23, 2020**. As we have done since the beginning of this pandemic, we will continue to monitor current health data, as well as rely on information and guidance from trusted public health officials to evaluate whether this timeline needs to be modified.

We are committed to keeping you informed as we continue to navigate these unprecedented times. To that end, we know that this decision likely raises a number of questions for you and your family. Schools will be hosting Town Hall meetings the week of **August 3**. This will allow us to provide more information on what the 2020-21 school year will look like as well as answer your questions about technology, schedules and requirements. In preparation for the Town Halls, please submit any questions that you may have [here](#).

With gratitude and in solidarity,



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