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Dear John Lewis Invictus Academy Families,

This is your principal Mr. Garner. The first nine weeks of school will be virtual. While similar to last spring, virtual instruction has to offer key improvements focused on greater connections, engagement and best practice for distance learning. Rest assured that our administrators and staff are preparing to deliver a high-quality virtual experience for each of our students. Be on the lookout for more communication from me regarding virtual instruction in the near future.

Additionally, The Georgia Division of Family & Children Services (DFCS) in partnership with the Georgia Department of Education (DOE) has been approved to operate the new Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer (P-EBT) program. ALL students in APS schools are eligible to participate in the program. Please note the following:

- If your family is currently receiving SNAP benefits, YOU DO NOT NEED TO APPLY. You will automatically receive P-EBT on your existing EBT card.
- · All other APS families must apply.
- The application will be available late July 2020. Please follow *@APS_FedPrograms* on Twitter for updates on application availability.
- The P-EBT amount **for each eligible child** is \$256.50
- Even if you do not need the assistance, please consider applying anyway and donating to your local food bank and/or families in need in your school community.
- Additional information can be found at <u>https://dfcs.georgia.gov/pandemic-electronic-benefit-transfer</u>

Lastly, as we all know, the COVID-19 pandemic has impacted our families in many ways. In an effort to provide assistance we have identified valuable resources through The Grove Park Foundation in which families impacted by COVID-19 are eligible to receive assistance. Qualified applicants who have lost their income due to COVID-19 are encouraged to contact The Grove Park Foundation for rent and utility bill payment assistance. Call 404.301.4466, X104 or email <u>contact@groveparkfoundation.org</u>

Take good care families and stay safe.

Ramon Garner

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