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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Thank you for continuing to work with us as we prepare for our reopening in January 2021. We have shared key information and updates with you throughout this process, and I encourage you to stay up to date on the District's reopening efforts at www.atlantapublicschools.us/reopen.

Sylvan Hills Middle School is continuing preparations for the next phase of our Return+Learn plan. Our January 2021 reopening plan will provide three instructional delivery models: 1) Site-Based Virtual Learning, 2) Face-to-Face, and 3) Atlanta Virtual Academy.

As part of our preparation for January 2021, we are asking all families to complete the Intent to Return Declaration form. The form is available through December 21 at this link: <https://dig.apsgraphs.com/ITR/>. It is also accessible on the District's homepage at www.atlantapublicschools.us.

This is an opportunity to change your previous declaration or to make a selection if you haven't already. **If you completed the form previously and wish to leave your declaration the same, you don't have to complete this one.** Remember, if you don't declare, the default selection is site-based virtual with your child's school.

We are planning for a phased-in approach to reopening. This approach includes teacher preparation days and bringing students back beginning with PreK-2 and Special Education (low incidence – PreK-12th) on January 25; grades 3-5, 6, 9 and 10th on February 1; and grades 7, 8, 11, and 12th on February 4th. Remember that a reopening in January would also mean returning to our traditional school hours: 9:05 AM to 4:05 PM.

If you missed APS Superintendent Dr. Lisa Herring's recent virtual town hall about the District's reopening plan, you can watch it on-demand on the District's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/AtlantaPublicSchools. You don't need a Facebook account in order to view the video.

Thank you for staying engaged with us and stay tuned for further updates.

Sincerely,

Monica Blasingame

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