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Dear Parents and/or Guardians:

As we prepare to kick off the 2020-2021 school year on August 24<sup>th</sup>, we are excited about what lies ahead. We look forward to new classes, new faces, new standards, new instructional content and new experiences both familiar and innovative. Although we are in the midst of trying times, we continue to stand firm on our commitment to engaging students in high quality virtual learning, building community, and removing barriers to ensure that students' needs are met. As the Principal of Crawford W. Long Middle School, it is my sincere pleasure and honor to welcome all new and returning families to our wonderful school community where our theme is **Leading Our Next Generation**. We strive to provide a productive learning environment that meets the academic, social, and developmental needs of all students.

This communication provides you with pertinent information that will assist in successfully preparing your scholar(s) for the start of the new year. We are sharing information about the following: **Virtual Instructional Days, Virtual Open House-August 20, 2020, Student Technology Devices, Ordering Meals, and Day 1 Dry Run-August 21, 2020.**

#### **Virtual Instructional Days:**

In order to provide structure and predictability for students and families, our virtual instructional model will include the following key components:

- Daily Instruction (Monday – Friday) that starts at 9:05am and includes breaks and lunch. **(Grade-level schedules included)**
- Instructional schedule that includes 4 Core classes, 2 Enrichment classes (A/B Day Rotation), and Homeroom/Social-Emotional Learning (SEL).
- Individual schedules are now available for each student via Infinite Campus **(Instructions for accessing Infinite Campus included)**
- Students and Parents/Guardians have access to a Google Classroom for each class. Google classrooms house: all links, assignments, course syllabus, etc. for the course. Daily live, teacher-led instructional sessions will be provided for all classes.
- Attendance is required for all classes and will be taken daily for each class. Students must attend and participate in the entire class session to be marked present.
- Assignments will be graded and Mid-Semester/Semester grades will be provided in accordance with APS Board Policy.

#### **Virtual Open House- August 20, 2020:**

Please join us via Zoom for our grade specific Open Houses:

- **11:00am – 12:00pm: 7<sup>th</sup> Grade**
- **1:00pm – 2:00pm: 8<sup>th</sup> Grade**
- **3:00pm – 4:00pm: 6<sup>th</sup> Grade**

Zoom Links will be posted on our website <https://www.atlantapublicschools.us/long>, Instagram (@apstigerden), and Twitter (@apsLongms) on August 19, 2020.

**Student Technology Devices:**

Your scholar(s) will need a technology device and internet access to be successful in the virtual learning environment. If you have not yet completed the APS technology survey, please complete the survey by August 24, 2020.

APS Technology Survey Link: <http://tinyaps.com/?techsurvey>

**Because we are only supplied with inventory based on the survey, completion of the APS Technology Survey is required to receive a device.**

**Ordering Meals (Flyer included):**

We are pleased to inform you that Long Middle School participates in the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) program. Through CEP, we will continue to offer healthy meals to ALL students at no charge. **However, you must order student meal kits weekly.** Starting August 24<sup>th</sup> – the first day of school – APS meals will only be distributed to APS students. All APS families must pre-order meals for each week through the MySchoolBucks online pre-order system. You can find MySchoolBucks at the nutrition web site at [www.atlantapublicschools.us/nutrition](http://www.atlantapublicschools.us/nutrition) and click on the "Order My Meals" button.

**Remember that your order for your student's meal kits must be placed no later than one week before distribution.**

**Tiger Day1 Dry Run (Friday August 21, 2020 @ 11:00am):**

To ensure we are ready for Day 1, we are asking ALL students to use their APS credentials to login into MyBackPack <https://launchpad.classlink.com/atlanta> and Google Classrooms at 11:00am on Friday, August 21<sup>st</sup>. Please access Google Classrooms via MyBackPack. Google classroom codes can be found on student's schedules next to each teacher's name.

We hope the above information is helpful as you prepare for the first day of school. If you have any questions, please visit our website and/or contact the school at 404-802-4800. Also, please follow us on Instagram (@apstigerden), and Twitter (@apsLongms)

We look forward to a great school year!

Sincerely,



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