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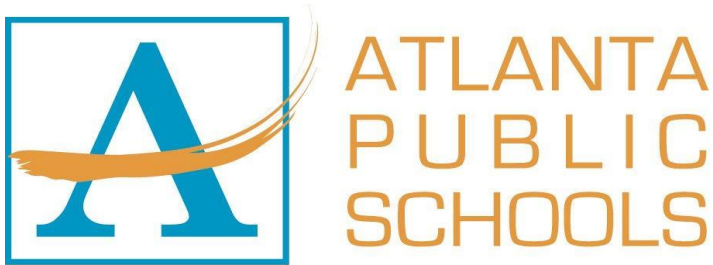
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Dear Families of M.L. King Jr. Students,

I hope this letter finds all M.L. King, Jr. Middle School families healthy and safe. By now, you are probably aware of Atlanta Public Schools' decision to begin the new school year virtually on **August 24, 2020**. As the leader of our administrative team, I wanted to inform you that we are working together to prepare a successful virtual start for all of our students and families and list for you some of the most important things to know before school starts.

- 1) To be successful in virtual learning students will need access to technology and reliable internet for the entire school day. Atlanta Public Schools is committed to providing all students access to working technology and, if needed, an internet Hotspot to participate in their virtual classes. The district will provide more information for obtaining technology and Hotspots in the next few weeks.
 - 2) As soon as we are aware of the district requirements for scheduling, grading, attendance, and accountability, they will be shared with you. Please know we understand the strain this may put on working families and will work to be as flexible and supportive as possible.
 - 3) In an effort to assist students in returning to a regular schedule (although virtually) our school day will begin at 9:05 and end at 4:05 with frequent breaks built in to allow students time to move around, eat lunch, stretch, or take a brain break. Their class schedule will be posted in Infinite Campus. Parents, please start talking to your students about this. Once school starts please plan to communicate with your child's homeroom teacher, grade level counselor or grade level administrator any concerns you need to share.
 - 4) We greatly appreciate the effort of our students and their families who successfully participated in virtual learning during the Spring Semester (March-May). In the next few weeks, school staff will begin reaching out to all students to prepare them for Fall Semester. We want to ensure that all students can participate in virtual learning and get the support they need to be successful.
 - 5) Parents, please identify a location in your home for your student to set up a workspace for learning, hopefully, away from all distractions. Be sure they have pencils and paper in their workspace before each the school day starts. During the next few weeks please start practicing the rituals and routines involved in a regular school year: going to bed on time, getting up, completing work, and turning in assignments...More suggestions to follow as we get closer to starting school. We want virtual learning to be a beneficial academic experience for all students.
 - 6) During the week of August 17 students will be allowed to come, in small groups, to King to meet their teachers and pick up any materials deemed necessary for virtual learning. During this meeting everybody will practice social distancing and wear masks while in the building. A schedule will be posted to our school website and a calling post will go out with information as well. **Please note these dates are tentative.**
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Updates will be placed on social media and posted on our school's website. Student schedules will be posted in Infinite Campus. Stay connected!

7) All schools in APS are currently completing online registration for students who will be newly enrolled at King this year. This includes students all rising 6th graders, students new to the community, and any student whose address has changed since May. Registration is an online process... <https://www.atlantapublicschools.us/Page/34748>. Please register as soon as possible. If you have a problem registering please call Ms. Walker, at King, (404-802-5412) for online assistance.

8) Finally, Georgia state law requires, 7th graders to have 2 vaccines before entering school. Please see attached document for more information.

I will continue to share important information as it becomes available. Thank you in advance for your support as we prepare to begin another great school year.

Sincerely,

Mr. Paul Brown
M.L. King Middle, Principal