



Hinds County School District

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Dear Parents, Students and Staff,

Welcome to the start of the 2020-2021 school year! I hope that everyone had an enjoyable and safe summer. We are pleased to welcome returning and new families this school year. As we plan for a beginning like no other, we have seen in the past, our focus will be to provide an environment that is Engaging, Empowering and Ensuring Excellence for all.

As you may know, the Hinds County School District decided to begin the year offering three options of learning for our students out of the concern for safety and well-being of the entire school community. These options include:

- Traditional schedule for pre-K through eighth grade students to select.
- Virtual schedule for pre-K through eighth grade students to select who will log into their classes and begin their synchronous virtual learning.
- Hybrid schedule for high school students to select who will report to their assigned campus if it is their in-person day (Any hybrid student who is virtual will complete their asynchronous assignments online).
- Virtual schedule for all high school student who will log into their classes if it is their synchronous learning day (Any virtual student who is asynchronous will complete their asynchronous assignments).

We have been hard at work over the summer preparing for a new school year and we are excited to work with you throughout the year to help your child achieve their success inside and outside the classroom. Your investment in your child's educational process has contributed to our collective success and magnified the momentum propelling us further on our journey to excellence.

One of the most meaningful factors in assisting students to have a successful school experience is the involvement of their parents. In order to help your children, attain their goals, we need your involvement, whether it be through traditional learning, virtual learning or hybrid learning. Your engagement throughout the year strengthens the parent-student relationship and can increase academic performance.

Communication between home and school is critical, especially during a time when circumstances can change overnight. Your child's school will provide information to parents via text, email, callouts, remind, the school's webpage and other social media platforms so please ensure your information is updated in the SAM student data base. If you need help updating this information, you can contact the school and they will assist you.

In closing, as we begin the school year, let us all re-commit ourselves to the understanding that student learning is everyone's top priority. Thank you in advance for the support that you have demonstrate for your child and the Hinds County School District.

Yours in Education,

Dr. Delesicia Martin,
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