

January 10, 2021

Dear Achievers Families:

As you are aware, AchieversECP anticipated a return date of January 19th for our scholars and staff. Unfortunately, the current pandemic continues to challenge our ability to provide a continuous learning environment. **Considering this, we have made the decision to continue remote learning for all our students** and will provide a proposed return date in the near future. We have determined this to be the best course of action based upon consultation with our local health officials and the New Jersey Department of Health's (NJDOH) risk matrix. According to health officials, in the immediate and near future, infection rates are expected to continue to climb and the safety of our students, faculty, and staff will always be our number one priority.

Since our students are already familiar with our online learning platform, please encourage students to log in daily by 7:45 am. **Virtual attendance** is taken during homeroom and during each class. Some students are opting to only sign in for homeroom and are opting out of logging into their main classes. Please be sure to reiterate to your scholar that they must remain online for the full school day beginning at 7:45 am until 2:15pm. Not doing so, may cause your child to be marked absent for the day. Attending virtual school is a requirement and is not optional. We appreciate your attention to this matter.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to our support staff regarding your child's progress. You also have the ability to track their progress via our <u>Parent Portal</u> which remains on our school's website. Our school offices will remain open from 8:00-4:00. You may also contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

As we stated in our last letter, our goal is getting students into the building full time as soon as it is safe. We will be reassessing the situation in the upcoming weeks for a possible scaffolded/hybrid return to the school building soon. With that, as we plan for their return, please take a few minutes to complete this <u>SURVEY</u>. Most of you completed this survey at the beginning of the school year but because so much has changed since August, an update is needed from every parent. **Please, complete this survey by Wednesday, January 13th.**

We know that this school year has been an incredibly challenging year, but we remain optimistic that the end of this pandemic is in sight. Thank you for your ongoing support and partnership and hope your family remains safe and well during these challenging times.

Serving you,

Nava K Coppin

Middle School Principal