



October 16, 2020

Dear Achievers Families and Staff:

As we approach our eleventh week of school, I simply want to say...thank you! Thank you for your grace and your patience, as we continue to navigate “remote instruction” in a new and extraordinary way. Of course, we experienced a few challenges early in the process; however, we have been able to work through these situations as they have come to our attention. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me if you need additional assistance or have further questions or concerns.

To those of you who were able to attend our first, virtual Back to School Night, thank you! Our teachers and staff worked extremely hard to make sure your experience was engaging and insightful. We enjoyed sharing this night with you and having the opportunity to connect with you face to face. If you attended but you were unable to complete the feedback survey, please click [here](#).

As we continue our plan forward, I would like to update you on our return to in-person instruction for our general education student population. As stated in previous letters, our first priority is to ensure health, safety, and the well-being of all of our students and staff. Keeping this in mind, AECPS school directors in conjunction with the Board of Trustees have decided to delay in-person instruction for all our students until **January 19, 2021**. The decision to further delay in-person instruction was due to several factors to include the risks associated with the onset of the flu season, surging cases of COVID-19 in our region, and recommendations from Trenton Public Health.

As we continue distance learning for several more weeks, we would like your feedback regarding our current remote learning structure. We would appreciate you taking the time to complete this short [Distance Learning Survey](#). Your feedback is needed and valued.

### **SPED and ELL Student Population Only**

Special Education students and English Language Learners have had an especially tough time adjusting to remote learning since the onset of distance learning and they continue to struggle this academic school year. Since we are able to safely accommodate in-person instruction for these small groups of students by following health and safety guidelines; all SPED and ELL students will be allowed to begin in-person instruction on Monday, **November 2, 2020**. In-person instruction will begin at 7:30 am and end at 2:15 pm on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays. Parents are responsible for transportation to and from school each day.

**Wednesdays will be an “all remote” day for ALL scholars.** It is our ultimate goal to provide our scholars a safe, positive learning environment. Please reach out to our SPED director, Mrs.

Guerrero at [dguerrero@achieversecp.org](mailto:dguerrero@achieversecp.org) or to our ELL teacher, Ms. Bitner at [sbitner@achieversecp.org](mailto:sbitner@achieversecp.org) if you have further questions or concerns.

### **Student Support Office Hours**

Please encourage your scholar to attend scheduled office hours if they need additional academic support. Every teacher offers these hours so that scholars receive every opportunity possible to be successful this school year. Beginning Monday, October 19th, you will receive an email from your scholar's teacher(s) if they've been asked to attend mandatory office hours. Please help us assist them in reporting to their sessions.

Serving you,

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