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Dear Parent/Guardian,

In just two weeks, Prince George's County Public Schools will reopen under a distance learning format from August 31, 2020 thru January 29, 2021. It is with great care and consideration of all stakeholders that we reopen in this fashion due to the continuing impact of the Covid-19 pandemic. It will be our mission to provide rigorous and engaging instruction through distance virtual instruction and learning. Unlike this past Spring, distance learning will be a full day (7:45 AM - 1:55 PM) just like in-person school, only virtually, and students will receive traditional reporting grades, not Pass/Incomplete.

To that end, it will be necessary that we partner with you to ensure that our students get the very best educational experience possible. It is imperative that your current contact information is accurate and updated in the SchoolMAX/Family Portal. Failure to do so will result in you not receiving pertinent information and thereby not being able to optimize the resources and communication necessary for your child's success. If you are not receiving my call-outs then you need to email me with your preferred phone number on which to receive them. Phone call-outs and Class Dojo will be our principle means of communication.

In preparation for the first day of school on Monday, August 31, 2020, we will facilitate a Materials Distribution Day on Thursday, August 27, 2020. You will need to come to the school to receive instructional materials and/or Chromebooks, if needed, for daily instruction. The specific times for grade level and/or alphabetic pick up will be forthcoming. Please understand that due to Covid-19 there may be a need for multiple distribution days as some materials might arrive after the start of school. The very next day, Friday, August 28, 2020, we will host Mock/Orientation Day, a virtual experience from which you and your child will learn how the instructional materials will be used and how distance learning will be facilitated.

Just like with traditional in-person school, breakfast and lunch will be offered. Meals will only be provided to students enrolled in PGCPS. Students not eligible for free and reduced-price meals will have to pay for breakfast and lunch. Food and Nutrition Services strongly encourages cashless transactions and encourages all households to deposit funds into their student account. Meals can be picked up at the closest school in your community. Students will need to provide their name, PIN#, and school they attend if picking up a meal from a school other than the one in which they are enrolled. Meals will be pre-packaged and distributed two days per week, Monday & Wednesday, between 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM. Monday's pick up will be for Monday and Tuesday. Wednesday's pick up will be for Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. To apply for free and reduced meals, please visit:  
<https://www.pgcps.org/food-and-nutrition/cards/Apply-For-Free-or-Reduced-Price-Meals/>

Thank You,

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