

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope this message finds you all safe, well and enjoying the summer. I know you are anxiously awaiting more information on what the upcoming school year will look like for our school community. Please know that as details are discussed and finalized, we will be sending information to you on a range of topics including school-specific schedules, distribution of technology and learning materials, meal services, resources and supports, and much more.

On Thursday, Aug. 6, the Montgomery County Board of Education discussed Montgomery County Public Schools' (MCPS) draft [Recovery of Education Plan](#) for the 2020-2021 school year. The draft guide provides an overview of the district's plan for virtual instruction for the first semester. **The Board voted to approve a virtual-only reopening for the 2020-2021 school year, which begins on Monday, Aug. 31. The Board did not vote on approval of the draft Recovery of Education plan. They will review and take a final vote on the components of the virtual-only plan on Aug. 25.**

MCPS will host three virtual conversations for the community—August 12 at 6:30 p.m. for parents and staff, August 13 at 6:30 p.m. for students and August 18 at 4 p.m. for our Spanish-speaking community. The conversations will be streamed live on the MCPS website, MCPS TV and on YouTube. You can submit questions in advance by visiting www.mcpssubmitquestion.org.

To view the draft guide and stay up-to-date on information regarding plans for the 2020-2021 school year, visit the [Fall 2020 Recovery website](#). You can submit your feedback on the district's plan [here](#).

I do want to highlight a few details:

- Hours for all elementary students will be 9-3:15 with a lunch and planning break at 11:45-1.
- The schedule will be a full day of LIVE zoom classes with breaks, transitions, and independent work. Wednesday will include a morning of instruction and afternoon plan still being finalized.
- The week will include all specials of ART, MUSIC and PE as well as small groups meetings.
- I will be sharing a save the date for a kindergarten orientation as well as virtual open house. In addition we will explain a new process for class and homeroom teacher assignments.
- All students will receive new curriculum materials for literacy, math and upgraded technology. Please stay tuned for the distribution dates as the final weeks of August will be busy.

Thank you for your patience and continued support. We are looking forward to a great school year.

Sincerely,
Principal Ross
Kensington Parkwood