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Parents and Families:

First, let me say thank you for enrolling your child in Norton City Schools during this uncertain time and entrusting your children into our care as in-person and virtual learners. Our teachers are working harder than ever and parents have accepted a tremendous responsibility to partner with teachers in ways they have never done before. You have had to learn to zoom, how to use google classroom, find time to call or text the teacher when it was their office hours, but did not really fit into your schedule, mentor your child into being a virtual learner, teach your child how to take care of others and themselves by wearing masks, social distancing, and proper hygiene... the list goes on and on. We ask for your patience and understanding as we continue to learn and grow during this challenging time, just as your child is learning and growing.

The mid-nine weeks reports will be available on parent portal on September 3, 2020. Please review the portal for your virtual academy or in-person child. If you are concerned about your child's grades, please reach out to the teacher by email to set up a time to discuss how you can partner with the teacher for your child's success.

Virtual Academy students are required to check-in daily and complete all assignments weekly. Attendance and completion of assignments are a very important part of our virtual program. If you have a need for a device, hotspot information, or remote materials and have not contacted the school, please do so. Please visit the division website to find updated information, the Reopening Plan and to review the Attendance Tracking Procedures for Students.

If you have chosen Virtual Learning for your child and wish for your child to return to in-person learning, we will assess our enrollment and social distancing guidelines at the end of the first nine weeks and determine if this is possible. Until we are in Phase 4-Guidance of Reopening of Schools, as directed by the Governor of Virginia, we will continue to follow the guidelines for Phase 3.

If you wish to change your child to NCS Virtual Academy for learning, please let the school principal know so that arrangements can be made for devices and assessment of your child's technology needs.

We continue to receive new information and guidance from the Department of Education on many aspects of instruction and academics. So, please know this year will continue to see changes, revisions, and then more changes and revisions.

The Center for Disease Control and the Virginia Department of Health is continually updating information, guidance, and data about COVID-19.

We will continue to use our Division website as the official location for information related to Norton City Schools, COVID updates and any other school information as deemed appropriate and necessary. The website, www.nortoncityschools.org, is updated weekly with pertinent information.

Thank you for your continued support of Norton City Schools. We will continue to be stronger together and value your partnership. This year will take all of us communicating, collaborating, thinking creatively, and practicing citizenship. This is very similar to what we want for our children. I hope all of us are setting the example in our daily lives for the generation that will one day be productive citizens making decisions for our world.

Sincerely,



Dr. Gina Wohlford