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Dear Parents,

We are excited to offer a virtual option again this year. Last year was unique, and as a district we were provided flexibility in educational delivery. According to the Michigan Department of Education, pupil accounting regulations will revert to pre-pandemic rules and there will no longer be the same flexibility.

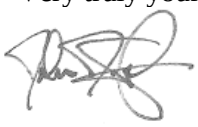
This year, APPS is excited to partner with Calvert Learning and Edmentum EdOptions Academy for our K-12 virtual program. Parents will still have Allen Park teachers as mentors who are available, however, students will participate in live lessons with teachers from Calvert and EdOptions online. To that end, the flexibility provided last year to work ahead and complete assignments on some days or login on others has all but been removed. It is the expectation that students participating in our virtual program will logon and engage synchronously with a teacher at various times between 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. according to their individualized schedule. Daily attendance will be taken, through completion of assignments and/or being present for live instruction.

There will be some variance depending on the grade level and subject area. At the elementary level, Fridays are more asynchronous with live help available. At the secondary level, each subject is live twice a week. As with any class schedule, there will be time for independent work and breaks, but generally students are expected to be present as they would for in person learning. Again, the flexibility to participate "at your own pace" has generally been removed for the 2021-2022 school year. This link provides some sample daily schedules for elementary and secondary students. Students are expected to be present for 1098 hours and 180 school days, the expectation for our in person students as well.

Because we are committing significant financial resources and will have personnel again dedicated to this program, we are asking for a full semester commitment to the virtual program. There will not be the same flexibility to enter or exit the program as there was last year. We know this is not an easy decision, but we are asking for a commitment by August 23, please fill out the linked form IF YOU ARE COMMITTING TO VIRTUAL LEARNING. If you would like in-person learning, there is no need to do anything. Please note, we are working with Edmentum to get you up and running as soon as possible, so delays in commitments could result in delays of the virtual school year starting for your child. In that case, asynchronous work will be provided through ExactPath, a supplemental program within the Edmentum family. Please see the link here for an FAQ from Edmentum that discusses a little more about the program.

The high school will still maintain its relationship with Edgenuity (e2020) but for credit recovery only. All students, grades K-12 will be provided a virtual learning platform by Edmentum (Calvert or EdOptions). If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask.

Very truly yours,



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