

August 6, 2020

Greetings Salem Lions' Families:

First let me say WELCOME to all families new to Salem and WELCOME BACK to all returning families! I pray that this letter finds you and your family safe and doing well in the midst of this pandemic. I hope that each of you have enjoyed what little summer you had with family and friends. The 2020-2021 school year is upon us and I know that you have many questions that need to be answered. As you may know the DeKalb County School District is returning to school 100% virtually beginning August 17, 2020.

As we know, this year is a year like no other. We are dealing with unprecedented times with unprecedented circumstances. With that being said we must still work together to provide the best virtual learning experience for our students that we can. This will be a challenging time for some but let me assure you that we will get through this TOGETHER. This year gives us a unique opportunity to show our strength, unity and commitment to the education of all of our students. This new year will definitely afford us multiple opportunities to motivate, educate and inspire our students to continue to pursue "Excellence in Everything."

With DeKalb returning to school virtually we will provide a daily schedule for students to participate in their classes virtually. We will have 2 daily schedules, 1 for the teams that have 4 teachers and 1 for the teams that have 5 teacher teams. The daily schedule will be forthcoming once we get the 5 teacher team schedule approved by the district. We will also provide a DCSD device for students that need and request them. If students have their own personal device and do not need a DCSD device, they do not need to pick up a device. Students that checked out a device during virtual learning this past school year and did not return them will not be issued a new device. All parents must complete the DCSD User Agreement in order to receive a DCSD device. You must complete a DCSD User Agreement for each child that receives a DCSD device. Please email the appropriate administrative assistant in order to set up an appointment time to secure your device. Please understand that if you have not completed your User Agreement that you will not be issued a device at that time. We will have a list provided from the district that informs us of the students that have a DCSD User Agreement on file.

We look forward to working as a team to make it through these unprecedented times. My TEAM and I are looking forward to the new challenge that is ahead as well as looking forward to working with you all to have a successful 2020-2021 school year. Please take a look at the Frequently Asked Questions document to answer any additional questions that you may have. Together we can make it through ANYTHING! Go Lions!!

Sincerely,

Terrence O. Harvey
Principal

United We Conquer!!!