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Dear Students, Parents and Caregivers:

I am writing to provide information for our scholars, moms, dads and caregivers about what you can expect this week as we prepare for the 2020-21 school year.

I recognize that the decision to begin the school year in a remote learning environment will continue to present challenges for our families. But we are working every day to address those challenges, and to provide the supports our students, staff and families will need for a successful school experience this year.

Beginning the week of August 17<sup>th</sup>, we will continue our technology distribution to students in our year-round schools. For the remainder of our schools, technology and hotspots will be distributed during the weeks of August 24<sup>th</sup> and August 31<sup>st</sup> to ensure there is a device and internet access for every CMSD student in your household.

During the week of August 24<sup>th</sup>, families of students attending year-round schools will be invited to virtual welcome meetings where principals will share information about school meal pickups, school hours and resources available for students and families. Similar orientation events will be held the week of August 31 for families in the remainder of CMSD schools.

One important note as we prepare for the start of the year, since we are starting out in a remote learning space, families do not need to purchase school uniforms at this time.

Your school principal will soon be providing more school-specific back-to-school information, including the planned development of a family care plan created to meet your family's unique needs.

If you have not done so already, families of students in Pre-Kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade should enroll in the school of your choice as soon as possible. Call our enrollment office at 216-838-3675.

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To answer many of your questions about our preparation for the 2020-21 school year, we have posted a dynamic list of over fifty Frequently Asked Questions on our website at [ClevelandMetroSchools.org/ReopeningCMSD](https://ClevelandMetroSchools.org/ReopeningCMSD).

Don't see an answer to your question? You can also submit your question to the district. We will continue to update that information weekly. Today we are also sending home information specifically developed for families of students with special needs, which is posted on our website as well.

Thank you for the opportunity to update you on our planning and preparation for the start of school year.

Sincerely,



Eric S. Gordon

