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Dear Students, Parents, Caregivers and Staff:

As you know, on July 24th the district made the decision to begin this school year in a remote learning environment. We know that students, families, educators, and other community members likely have a number of questions about what this means. To help answer your questions, we have created a video questions and answers library on our website where you can view short videos answering many frequently asked questions. You can also submit additional questions on our website as well.

I want to assure students and parents that this fall can't and won't be a repeat of last spring. Last spring, schools were told to close, first for an extended spring break and then for the remainder of the year, with almost no notice. We were asked to keep our scholars engaged and enriched for the rest of the year. And I'm proud of the efforts of our scholars, parents and caregivers, and our educators for doing the best we could at that time.

But while the public health emergency hasn't ended, we have had time to prepare for the possibility of remote learning, not just engagement while schools were closed, but learning remotely when schools open virtually. Your CMSD teachers, principals and educators are all preparing to welcome our scholars back to school remotely, until such time when we can safely welcome you back physically.

For the most current information, including the video Q&A library, please visit www.clevelandmetroschools.org/ReopeningCMSD.

Sincerely,

Eric S. Gordon