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Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Welcome to the 2020-2021 School Year! This is certainly one like no other in our history but I promise you, that your children are in good hands, and we are working hard to ensure that the excellence our students deserve will continue to be our mission, both in academics and in our Arts programming.

While things are going to look different, in my thinking, nothing has changed, in terms of what should be expected of teachers, students and me, as the leader of this community. We have been working all summer, on creative and innovative ways to make sure that students are engaged, and learning, and that we produce works of art, virtually, to the best of our ability. But, because this is completely new to all of us, at this level, the road is sure to be bumpy. So hold on, and let's ride this roller coaster together! And remember, that you can email me, request a meeting with me (via zoom or googlemeet) any time you have a question or concern! [jbeaver@philasd.org](mailto:jbeaver@philasd.org)

We definitely need your help in making sure that this is as positive and productive as possible. We are a partnership. And with your help we will be able to provide a high quality education to your students. So, what is it we need from you?

First, and most importantly, we need your help in getting students to sign in to their Google Meets every day, every period. If students do not show up we cannot guarantee that they will pass their classes, and we know for sure that grades will be affected. So, it starts by being present everyday! There is a list of expectations in our Student/Parent Handbook, that includes an addendum specific to virtual learning. [Student/Parent Handbook](#)

We are committed to contacting you if we need more help in getting students to sign on, via email and phone calls. So, if you have new phone numbers or email addresses, please email Ms. Barnhill, Secretary ([lbarnhill@philasd.org](mailto:lbarnhill@philasd.org)) so she can update your information.

There are many resources available on this website for you to review to have a better understanding of the expectations and I will be holding google meets(ings) with parents to keep you informed as much as possible. To start one of the tools that I will be using is a Virtual Office that I have set up, so all the information you need is all in one place, with links to a variety of different documents. I am also committing to a weekly newsletter for parents that will be posted in the virtual office so you are kept informed of the latest news and updates, dates and events, etc that parents will need to know.

Over these last few months, I have heard from so many of you in so many thoughtful and positive ways! I cannot thank you enough for your support and understanding during this challenging time! Remember we are in this together!

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