



July 31, 2020

Dear Students and Families, This email includes important information about the beginning of school and directs you to our new Covid 19 Updates page on our website.

The Career Pathways Covid Planning Committee has determined that we will begin the school year with **Distance Learning with Support.**

"With Support" means that we will be setting up student meetings with teachers in the building in very small socially distanced groups. All students benefit from 1:1 tutoring. Since Covid 19 has made face-to-face large groups unsafe, we will meet in small support meetings as needed. Some students who have special learning needs may require regularly scheduled meetings. Those will be set up with the Advisor and support team members this month when families and advisors meet.

New students and Middle School students will have special small group orientation activities planned at the school to build community and support.

MPS and SPPS have determined that they will open with all Distance Learning. SPPS's decision impacts our transportation since we use their buses. Fortunately, Career Pathways has purchased a van that will assist with some of our transportation needs.

Planning for Distance Learning "2.0" has been going on all summer. Teachers have been adapting their lessons to make sure that new ideas will be well presented and students will be better engaged. We will follow the **"Meet Foundational Needs First"** - included on our Covid 19 Updates page on our website as a guide.

**At this time, families need to plan for Distance Learning too.** Now is the time to check your internet speeds, connect with your child's advisor about your computer needs to make sure your student has a computer to use when they need it without sharing, let us know about specific health needs, and if you would like to be part of the free breakfast and lunch program.

Advisors will be contacting families to set up meetings in August. We also hope you will join us for our Ice Cream Social on August 12, from 5 to 7PM. We will meet outside, in the parking lot, with tents.

Please let me know if you have any questions.  
Have a peaceful weekend and stay safe,

*Dr. Joan*