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Dear DoDEA Americas Mid-Atlantic Community:

As we get ready for the 2020-2021 school year, I wanted to update you on our Back-to-School efforts. To the maximum extent possible, DoDEA schools will operate brick-and-mortar schools on a regular full-time schedule when installations are in Health Protection Conditions (HPCON) Alpha or Bravo. Additionally, DoDEA is offering a Virtual Learning Option for students in kindergarten through grade 12 for the first semester.

Check the link below for specific information about the upcoming school year at <https://www.dodea.edu/returntoschool.cfm>. Some of the resources you will find include:

- **The DoDEA COVID-19 Operational Guidelines and Protocols for Schools** - This provides DoDEA district and school leaders with general guidelines and protocols for establishing and maintaining safe school environments that reduce the risk of COVID-19 virus spread. Items discussed include social distancing, face coverings, pre-screening, medical surveillance protocols, cleaning, school meal program, bus transportation, and extracurricular sports/ activities guidelines.
- **The new DoDEA Virtual Learning Option for students in kindergarten to 12th grade for Semester One** - This learning option is for students and families with health vulnerabilities related to COVID-19 or for those who are concerned about their students returning on-site to school. DoDEA is procuring licensed courseware for the virtual learning subjects to be delivered by existing DoDEA teachers who apply and are selected for this option. These will be full courses with all of the normal content expected in a regular DoDEA course designed specifically for the online environment. **IMPORTANT NOTE: *Student registration for the virtual option is open from July 15 to July 28 at <https://www.dodea.edu/returntoschool.cfm>.*** The DoDEA Virtual Learning Option school start date is August 24.

We will continue working with our DoDEA leadership and local military installation commanders to provide the most up-to-date guidance and the way forward in your local community. Please contact your local school administration with your questions and concerns. Continue to check the DoDEA Return to School website for updates at <https://www.dodea.edu/returntoschool.cfm>. Thanks for your ongoing support as we look forward to our upcoming school year of Excellence in Education for Every student, Every day, Everywhere. #WeAreInThisTogether

Respectfully,

Dr. Donato Cuadrado
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