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MID-ATLANTIC DISTRICT
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OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Our goal remains to provide timely, comprehensive information about the continuity of education in our district. We are working with our Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA) headquarter and regional leadership and local commanders to provide the most up-to-date guidance and the way forward for School Year 2020-2021.

It is critical that we use a common language when talking about instructional settings that will be in play this year.

- **In-person instruction** - Students are in brick and mortar school building, receiving instruction from their assigned teachers.
- **Remote Learning** - Students receive the classroom curriculum from their assigned brick and mortar teachers remotely in the contingency that local health conditions require us to pause in-person instruction. *(This is the format that schools operated in at the end of last school year.)*
- **Virtual Learning** – Students register for the DoDEA Virtual School for the entire semester or year. This option is available in grades K-12.

At the DoDEA Return to School website (<https://www.dodea.edu/returntoschool.cfm>) DoDEA published the DoDEA COVID-19 Operational Guidelines and Protocols for schools. At the top of the website look for the following tabs: Home, Health & Safety, Virtual Option, Making a Choice, Questions and Answers, and Educator Information.

- **Health & Safety Tab** - you will find DoDEA guides that have been created to assist schools with guidelines and protocols for establishing and maintaining safe school environments that reduces the risk of COVID-19 virus spread for **in-person instruction**.
- **Virtual Option Tab** – you will find an overview of the virtual school for grades K-12. For parents to choose the virtual school option, click on **Making a Choice** tab and scroll to the bottom of the website. ***The window to enroll your child(ren) in virtual school closes on July 28.***

We recognize the parents have many factors to consider as you make a decision on which instructional setting you choose. As you review these options, please consider the following:

- Schools that open in **remote learning** will switch to **in-person learning (brick and mortar)** as soon as health conditions allow and remote learning will no longer be an option.
- Schools that open in **in-person learning (brick and mortar)** may have to switch to **remote learning** as a contingency plan in the event that health condition levels change and temporary closure is necessary. Schools will switch back to in-person learning as soon as health conditions allow. If you have additional questions about in-person learning or remote learning, please submit your questions to your school administrator.



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- Parents who select the **virtual learning** option for their child(ren) will remain in virtual learning, regardless of health conditions, for one full semester or the entire school year (if selected). If you read the information about virtual school from the DoDEA website and still have questions, you may submit your questions at: vslearningoption@dodea.edu

Our principals, in partnership with health installation officials, are working diligently to establish a safe school environment that reduces the risk of COVID-19 virus spread for **in-person instruction**.

These are the current Health Conditions at each school/installation (as of July 22):

Ft. Bragg-Charlie

Ft. Buchanan-Charlie

Ramey-Bravo

Camp Lejeune-Bravo

Quantico-Bravo

Dahlgren-Bravo

West Point-Bravo

WT Sampson-Bravo

The HPCON can change at any time.

This is obviously an extraordinarily challenging time for all of us. Watching our teachers, parents, students and communities come together to ensure continuity of education for our military-connected students in these circumstances has been incredibly inspiring. Please continue to review the DoDEA website and school Facebook pages for the most up-to-date information.

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