

Message from the Community Superintendent

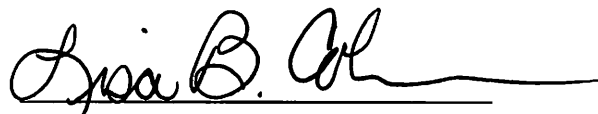
The beginning of School Year 2020-2021 has been unrivaled by any other. As a result of this pandemic, all of us have had to transform our way of thinking and our way of interacting. Through these times, we (students, faculty, staff and parents) have become resilient and responsive to our mitigation strategies. All installations in the Georgia/Alabama community have schools providing in-person learning. As I have visited every school in the community, I am very proud of the faculty and staff for their preparation and implementation of the COVID mitigation strategies. Additionally, the 100% return of consent forms by our parents, the combined support of our military senior leaders, and the diligent service of our grounds maintenance, transportation, budget and student meal program colleagues.

The COVID-19 pandemic has given all of us an opportunity to reflect on our current health practices and how we interact with others. These current conditions have caused all of us to be anxious and sometimes nervous as we focus our mission to Educate, Engage and Empower our Military-Connected Students. As our schools returned to in-person instruction, many of our students and parents were excited and grateful for the opportunity to continue in an educational format, they were familiar with. The brick and mortar options looked a little different, but the smiles of administration and staff made the transition worth it – Appreciative!

Our remote students began their instructions and continued to receive their education in a format which best suited their needs. The parents and students remain connected to their home school as they receive their instruction virtually. Our organization (DoDEA) is able to provide for our students utilizing this platform – Grateful!

As we adjusted our 2019-2020 school year and began our 2020-2021 school year virtually, our School Administrators and Instructional Systems Specialists (ISS) worked diligently to ensure our schools were prepared for the change. Without the work of these leaders, our school openings would not have been capable or successful – Awe-Inspiring!

As we approach this Thanksgiving I am humbled by the service of those who have made this mission-centered journey and I appreciate all of our stakeholders for their individual and collective sacrifices. Thank you and it is my honor to walk with you on this journey.



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