

Greetings DTE Families,

We hope that each of you are staying safe and warm in this wintry mix! 🌨️🧣🧤 Please be mindful that a few of our teachers are experiencing power outages. This may result in children completing independent practice assignments. I will send emails directly to those parents who may be affected.

We also have a few updates that we would like to share with you regarding the upcoming opening of school, March 1, 2021.

* Whole Day Asynchronous Learning (independent practice activities) will take place on the following days: **February 22nd, February 23rd, March 1st, and March 2nd**. Please be reminded, students will not begin in-person learning until March 1st, 2021.

* We will return to our **normal bell schedule, Monday, February 22nd**. School hours for students will be from 8:15 a.m. -3:15 p.m.

* Changing Your Child's Learning Option: If you would like to change your child's learning option, please follow the protocol below. If you **do not** wish to change your child's learning option, no further action is needed. Please be mindful of the following when deciding your child's learning option for the remainder of the school year:

1. ALL instruction will continue to be 100% on the TEAMS' platform.
2. Teachers will not physically pull small groups or work with students one on one. As recommended by the CDC, ALL individuals will be socially distanced at least 6 feet apart at all times. Teachers will continue to pull small groups via TEAMS. Teachers will monitor students, ensuring they are socially distant in the classroom at all times.
3. Students who choose in-person learning will remain in their assigned classrooms for the duration of the school day. There will be as less movement as possible. Additionally, your child may or may not be in their assigned teacher's classroom. Due to limiting the number of students in each classroom, we will place students accordingly so that safe social distancing can be practiced.

Protocol for Changing Your Child's Learning Option

1. Call the school at 901-416-8400 from 9:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m.
2. Ms. Glasper OR Ms. Parson will be available to take your selection.
3. You will be asked to verify your identity, by answering a series of questions.

4. All selections must remain as is for the remainder of the school year.

5. Lastly, students **may not** switch options throughout the week. For example, a child cannot be in-person Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, but at home Tuesday and Thursday. Students will either be 100% in-person (at school) or 100% at home learning.

If you choose for your child to participate in in-person learning, you will need to obtain necessary transportation documentation from the school. We will be available for parents to pick up car-rider numbers and bus cards, **Wednesday, February 24th- Friday, February 26th from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.** Please contact AP Smith-Taylor directly if you have additional questions (smithtaylor@scsk12.org).

Once I get more information regarding before and after care services, I will share it with all parents.

Lastly, we will be hosting a family forum where we will share additional information regarding our re-entry plan. This will take place Tuesday, February 23rd from 5:00 p.m.- 6:00 p.m. Please see the attached flyer.

Remember, we are in this together and we are committed to keeping you informed!

Have a great evening.

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Principal

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"We CAN. We WILL. We MUST."

****Please allow 24 hours for a response****

How are we doing? Take the DTE Survey [HERE](#)

MASK UP MEMPHIS!

Follow us:  

A decorative border surrounds the central text area. On the left side, there is a stack of papers, a blue folder, and a grey device with a red lightning bolt and a blue plus sign. On the right side, there are various school supplies including a pencil, a pair of glasses, a purple folder, a yellow pencil, and a yellow ruler.

SAVE THE DATE

**DOWNTOWN ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL RE-ENTRY
MEETING**

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2021

5:00 PM - 6:00 PM

[CLICK HERE TO JOIN](#)