



# *East Chicago Urban Enterprise Academy*

*"Students First, Family Focused"*

August 4, 2020

Dear ECUEA Families,

It is with much consideration and consultation that we have decided to implement the full eLearning phase of our Return to Learning plan for the first quarter (August 17<sup>th</sup> – October 23<sup>rd</sup>). Data from the Lake County and East Chicago Health Departments indicate that COVID-19 positivity rates in our area are rising. Our top priority is the health and safety of our students and staff. Please know that this decision was not made lightly. We understand the 40% of our families who chose in person learning did so for a reason. However, the risk of even one of our students or staff members becoming ill with COVID is not one that we are willing to accept. We take our responsibility to educate our students safely very seriously. It is our deepest hope that we will not remain in this phase for long. When the time comes to transition students back into the building, we will do so with the hybrid model and will once again survey our families to determine their needs. Parents will not be held to their previous choice.

We are prepared to distribute devices (Fire Tablets and Chromebooks) to all of our students. At the time of distribution, parents will receive a technology agreement, the device, student login information, eLearning schedule/protocol, and any other curricular items that students may need. Students will be required to log into their classes at designated times to receive live, direct instruction from their teachers. Attendance will be taken at the start of each class period. Most assignments will be required to be submitted at the end of each class period, same as if they were in traditional school. Students who receive Special Education or English language services will continue to have that support. The Academy will continue to provide breakfast and lunch.

While there are many factors during this time that are out of our control, there are very clear actions that we all can take to help heal our community and reduce the spread of this virus. Wear your mask, wash your hands (frequently for 20 seconds), and maintain your distance from others. We are not powerless in this situation and we will get through this together.

More details will be communicated with families during the next two weeks. Thank you for your confidence and continued support of East Chicago Urban Enterprise Academy!

Sincerely,  
Mrs. V. Eskew, Principal

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