



Southwest Snapshot

September 27th, 2020

No School – Monday September 28th



Durham Public Schools will continue operating on fully remote learning—“Plan C”— through January 15, following a recommendation by Superintendent Pascal Mubenga at the Sept. 24 meeting of the DPS Board of Education. DPS is working to put in place improvements to students’ and teachers’ schedules to make remote learning easier while awaiting the opportunity to return to in-person instruction.

“We are going to make Plan C better,” said Superintendent Pascal Mubenga. “Our community and teachers are not all of one mind, but right now most families and teachers still have deep concerns about COVID-19. We are continuing to work with our health department and medical experts to identify the best, safest time to re-open for in-person instruction. Our students need in-person instruction, but parents and teachers need to be confident that our community is ready. I will always consider their health and safety first.”

Ignite Online Academy registration begins Sept. 28 - DPS will continue to refine its plans for offering families the choice of continuing online instruction through Ignite Online Academy or returning to socially distant in-person instruction (“Plan B”). In order to have an accurate count of how many families would remain in 100-percent online instruction, **DPS will open up registration for Ignite Online Academy on Monday, Sept. 28**. Please keep you eye on the DPS website for the survey.

“If we want Plan B to be a possibility in January, we need to know how many families would want their students to continue to learn from home,” said Dr. Mubenga. “The more families that commit to Ignite, the more space we will have in our school buildings for students who need in-person instruction.”

Making virtual learning better - In response to survey and other feedback, and to support families with students from multiple schools, DPS will have a unified lunch time for all schools throughout the district, from 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. DPS is also ensuring that Wellness Wednesdays will be handled consistently from school to school, and working with school leaders to reduce the amount of daily screen time for elementary students. New schedules will be implemented at the beginning of the second quarter.



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[Family Academy Virtual Class](#) list offers many classes to help families better understand many of the online tools our teachers are currently using. The Family Academy Video Archive has been updated and now includes the Canvas virtual classes that took place on Tuesday and Wednesday evening. Videos are available in English and Spanish.



DPS has expanded its feeding program to include more hot meals and more distribution locations across Durham County. The meals are available at no cost for any child up to 18 years old—one breakfast and one lunch, per child, per day. DPS is also continuing its partnership with [EAT NC's weekly home meal deliveries](#) for families unable to come to our meal sites.

Families may pick up meals in the Southwest bus lot (back of the school) daily **Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.**, including breakfasts and hot lunches for the weekdays and extra breakfasts and lunches that can be reheated offered on Fridays for the weekend.



We want to stay in touch with you and your family, as well as send you important information while we are learning are remotely. To do so, we need to be sure we have current contact information (address, phone number and email) on file for you. Please make sure your contact information is updated in PowerSchool.



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