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SCHOOL BEGINS SEPTEMBER 8TH

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Dear Parents/Guardians and Students of the Academy School:

First, let us thank you for your support and understanding as we, a school community, are responding to this national pandemic. As you may know, we have been charged with the enormous task of creating a plan to safely reopen our school for our students. The District's Re-opening Committee decided that students will remain home, and teachers will provide remote instruction. In preparation, expectations have been established for the amount of synchronous and asynchronous instruction to be provided in each student's scheduled day. All students will participate in interactive lessons, schoology activities, assignments, and assessments. Teachers will be providing lessons virtually, by way of **Microsoft Teams/Schoology** for students during their scheduled time. When students return to school, safety protocols and instruction will be in place.

Synchronous learning is online education that happens in real time with the teacher teaching remotely; whereas asynchronous learning involves the student working independently on assignments in schoology. Your child's schedule is enclosed with this letter, which does illustrate which classes and periods they will participate online. To provide support for your child, we are suggesting that you purchase school supplies that will help them with time management and organization. It is recommended that students have a colored folder, notebook and binder for each academic class. Provide a dedicated space that your child will be able to participate in virtual lessons, complete assignments, read, and study daily. Students may need a calendar or planner to keep track of their virtual lesson days, times, and due dates. Please let us know if you need assistance with any of these items.

We will be holding virtual meetings with our parents and caregivers to review the reopening plan and address frequently asked questions regarding the reopening of school. Parents and guardians are encouraged to attend one of the virtual meetings. During these meetings we will address how to log into virtual learning, websites and apps that will be

used, teacher and school information, and important district numbers for Instructional Technology support. Please log on to Zoom and enter the information below:

- 7th through 12th grade – Thursday, September 3rd, 2020 at 6:00 – 7:00 pm
Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88130103135?pwd=amJkTDRQNmVKV1dIME1hbVN4cExudz09>
Meeting ID: 881 3010 3135
Passcode: jX3Mgs
- 7th through 12th grade – Friday, September 4th, 2020 at 4:00 – 5:00 pm
Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89699947697?pwd=SXYzeSsrMDNQdmVsS2xZVmlUdHlIQ T09>
Meeting ID: 896 9994 7697
Passcode: Gdm8CH
- 7th through 12th grade – Saturday, September 5th, 2020 at 1:00 – 2:00 pm
Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86862723511?pwd=Z3NVM2N1QWp1b3hJOW9vVXE3U2p0QT09>
Meeting ID: 868 6272 3511
Passcode: CffM7A

Lastly, in preparation for the upcoming 2020-21 school year we are asking our parents to take a moment and update your current contact information to ensure that you are receiving the most up to date information. If you have moved or changed your phone number in the last 6 months, please visit <http://www.buffaloschools.org/contact> to provide your most recent contact information. Please be safe and well during this time of transition as we strive for the success of our students and families.

Respectfully,

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