April 3, 2020

Dear SEED Families,

The SEED School of Maryland (SEED MD) would like to extend greetings from our staff to you and your family. We hope you are staying home and well during this time. We spent the last few weeks calling and checking on students and families, developing our distance learning plan, mailing Chromebooks to students, developing trainings for students, families, and staff and last, but, most importantly, making sure we are updating our community about how we are moving forward during this health crisis. By now, you are aware of Governor Larry Hogan’s Executive Order issued on March 30th to "Stay-at-Home”. We hope you are observing this order and understanding the severity of this pandemic. As a result of this executive order, we have closed our campus from visitors. If you have general questions, please contact Mr. Harris, our Family & Community Engagement Coordinator at tdharris@seedschoolmd.org.

Distance learning is something new for all of us in the SEED community. For some teachers and student life staff, this will be the first time they have ever taught a lesson on camera. For some parents, this will be your first time supporting your student with learning virtually. For many students, this will be the first time that they have to learn from a distance. The next couple of weeks will require us to be supportive and patient. Together we can take advantage of all of the opportunities virtual learning has to offer. Here are some key things you will need to know to be successful.

What Families Need to Know and Do

- **Student Technology:** There has been a delay in the mailing of Middle School chromebooks via FedEx. Many have been sent, but others have not due to hotspots being on backorder with the vendor. As the hotspots are received, laptops will continue to be mailed. Please remember the address on file will be used as the delivery address for the chromebook and/or hotspot and a signature will be required. If no one 18 years of age or older is home to sign for the package at the time of delivery, the package will not be left.

- **Student Expectations:** Please use this link to access a video that describes what will be expected of students. [Virtual Community Expectations](#)

- **Website:** SEED MD has developed a COVID-19 website resource for the community. [https://www.seedschoolmd.org/general-covid19-info](https://www.seedschoolmd.org/general-covid19-info).

- **CTS Update:** SEED MD Junior/Senior Seminar Virtual Learning and Advising Plan is available through this link - [Class 2020-2021 Virtual Plan](#)

- **Training:** In preparation and support of our Distance Learning, we have created Trainings for Students and families that we believe are important for the success of the program. They can be accessed on our website. [https://www.seedschoolmd.org/continuity-of-learning](https://www.seedschoolmd.org/continuity-of-learning)
• **Admissions Update for SY 2020-2021:** The enrollment lotteries for 6th and 9th grade have been postponed. Applications will be received on a rolling admissions basis until further notice. We will accept applications for admissions for 6th and 9th grades until we can set new dates for the lotteries. In addition, the application completion rate is low. We are increasing our marketing to potentially include Facebook and Instagram. We are also finalizing a “virtual open house” that will provide a visual of our SEED MD campus. It will be available by mid-April.

Thank you again for your partnership, wash your hands, stay well and stay home!

*Mrs. Asikoye and Ms. Evans*