July 29, 2020

Dear Families,

We hope that you are well and that you are finding safe ways to enjoy your summer. As you may know, the Governor of Maryland and the State Superintendent have provided some flexibility for each school district to make the decision about their plans for reopening. As we contemplated our decision, the health and safety of all members of The SEED School of Maryland’s (SEED MD) community were paramount. In order to create a safe plan for the SEED MD community and to remain aware of updated guidance our leadership team has met weekly, reviewed the Center for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines, and communicated with the local health department. Based on all of the information gathered, we have decided to begin the school year virtually. The new school year will therefore begin virtually on Monday, August 31, 2020 and we will remain in a completely virtual learning mode through the end of the 1st quarter.

The leadership team will continue meeting and we will revise our in-person learning plans as necessary. Rest assured, we will continue to evaluate all information available through state and federal health websites and decisions to return to campus will be made with an abundance of caution. Until then, we will provide all students with the highest quality virtual learning experience possible. Please note that the change in format has not impacted our school calendar.

Here are a few quick things you need to know in the meantime.

- New parent orientation will take place virtually on August 8th.

- Foundations for the 6th grade students and the Academy for 9th grade students will take place on August 16th through August 18th.

- We are excited to announce that SEED MD has a new electronic registration system. The Powerschool parent portal has a link that will give you access to the new system. New families will receive a special link with detailed instructions on how to access the parent portal via email. If you have any questions regarding the system, please contact Ms. Shawn Wheeler at shwheeler@seedschoolmd.org.
We will provide additional information about the virtual learning model and the start of the school year in the weeks ahead. In the meantime, please reach out to Mr. Travon Harris, the Family & Student Engagement Coordinator, if you have any questions. You can reach out to Mr. Travon Harris via email at tdharris@seedschoolmd.org or via phone at (410) 843-9477. We are excited about the new school year and we look forward to welcoming you back to school in August.

Thank you for your patience, flexibility, trust and partnership as we work together to provide a high quality experience for all scholars.

In Partnership,

Kirk Sykes
Head of School