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# Virtual School Family Newsletter

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Happy New School Year DPSCD Virtual School Families!!!!

While we expected most students to return to school face-to-face full time in the Fall of 2021, a key learning from the pandemic was that for some students, virtual learning provides a needed alternative to the traditional brick-and-mortar learning environment. Beginning in 2021-2022, DPSCD began full time operation of a standalone virtual school for students in grades K-12. In year one of the school, we offered a menu of standard courses that lead toward graduation requirements but did not offer specialized programs such as IB, AP, dual language, etc. The DPSCD Virtual School was and will continue to be staffed with its own dedicated principal, teachers, and support staff, and will continue to issue grades and credits under its own school code.

As we move into School Year 2022-2023, the DPSCD Virtual School has updated its criteria and eligibility for enrollment. Students in grades Kindergarten through 2nd must have less than 18 days absent for the previous school year. Students in grades 3rd through 12th must have less than 18 days absent and must have passed all core academic subject courses for semesters 1 and 2 of the previous school year. The DPSCD Virtual School is expanding its course offerings and will add business, marketing, computer science and French to its selection.

We have learned that uniformity is essential to improving productivity. All teachers will use Schoology as their platform for providing and receiving curriculum materials from students. All teachers will use TEAMS to provide live instruction every school day. All teachers will publish their office hours during the normal school day to conference with students and parents to promote progress towards mastery of all standards.

We are so very excited about the start of School Year 2023!!!! We have the structure in place to continue our journey toward our goal of becoming the number one K-12 institution of learning in the City of Detroit and State of Michigan. We are humbled that you have continued to entrust your children in our care as we travel along this path together.

If it doesn't challenge you, it doesn't change you. The DPSCD Virtual School is committed to leading the change we want to see in our community.

Principal Philip Van Hooks

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# How to use the Absent Faculty Attendance Survey

K-2: <https://forms.office.com/r/h20fPRQY7Q>

3-5: <https://forms.office.com/r/2NkqhS0ELQ>

6-8: <https://forms.office.com/r/acdnDhHAJz>

9-12: <https://forms.office.com/r/vzkNNt9Zys>

These are the attendance survey links that will be shared with students through their DPSCD Email accounts when faculty are absent.

The link should only be used on the day of a teacher's absence and at the time the class takes place.

Each grade band has their own form. On that form, the grade band teachers that take attendance are listed.

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# Laptops and Materials Distribution

All Laptops & Paper Materials distributed after this week will be scheduled using Microsoft Bookings.

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<b>Tuesday, 09/06/22</b>	<b>Wednesday, 09/07/22</b>	<b>Thursday, 09/08/22</b>	<b>Friday, 09/09/22</b>
K-2nd Grade iPads	3rd – 8th Grade Laptops	3rd – 8th Grade Laptops	9th – 12th Grade Laptops

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# Virtual School Open House

Wednesday, September 14, 2022

3:30pm – 5:00pm



# 5 Things You Need to Know

**Parent Listening Session** with Superintendent Dr. Nikolai Vitti Wednesday, **September 7, 2022, at 11 a.m.** via Teams. Dr. Vitti will provide a status update and address any back-to-school concerns. Click [here](#) to join the meeting.

**The Expect Respect Character Trait for September is Responsibility:** District and staff will take the lead on teaching grade appropriate lessons on responsibility this month. Students, parents, and staff are encouraged to take the pledge and commit to the activities as well as fill out your pledge cards:

- [Expect Respect Student Pledge Card](#)
- [Expect Respect Staff Pledge Card](#)
- [Expect Respect Parent/Stakeholder Pledge Card](#)

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**Parent Academy This Week**: Parents learn how to navigate the PowerSchool Parent Portal to view key student data that includes grades, attendance, teachers' contact information and report cards. This valuable workshop will be **held online on Wednesday, September 7, 2022, from 12:30 p.m.-1:30 p.m.** See you then!

**Save the date for the next DPSCD Hiring Fair on Tuesday, September 13, 2022**: The District is looking for highly motivated individuals to join our team during our next All Classification Hiring Fair at Randolph Career and Technical Center 17101 Hubbell in Detroit, 48235. Please note, registration closes on **Monday, September 12, 2022**. Masks are required. For more information, please contact DPSCD Human Resources at **(313) 873-6897** or send an email to [Recruitment@detroitk12.org](mailto:Recruitment@detroitk12.org)

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**Stay updated weekly, by visiting DPSCD's Family Newsletter, an updated weekly version is sent every Monday at 6 p.m. by SMS text and posted to the web: [detroitk12.org/families](http://detroitk12.org/families) Don't miss a robo call/text -- If you opted out of receiving text messages but would like to receive them, please text START to "60680" from the phone line that has been opted out for non-emergency messages. Reply START to "54968" for emergency message.**

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