



**Osborn High School**  
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August 13, 2021

Greetings Parents, Student, Staff and Community Members:

It is with great joy and excitement that I welcome you to the 2021-2022 school year! It is truly my honor and my pleasure to serve as your school leader. Last year presented many challenges and obstacles but in the final analysis, we overcame them all.

For the upcoming school year, we are thrilled to report that we will return to in-person learning. While each student has the option of continuing with the virtual learning platform, we are strongly encouraging all students to join us at the Osborn Academy building. Doing so will open the door for both students and parents to an exciting program of learning that our teachers have been planning all summer.

**Please be assured that our maintenance team will follow an intensive, COVID 19 sanitation regiment for the entire building, including all classrooms. Masks are required for anyone entering the building regardless of their vaccination status.**

For this school-year, the following supportive services will be available to address the needs of our students resulting from COVID 19 learning losses:

- In-school credit recovery courses for all grade levels
- 25 minutes of targeted academic interventions to recover COVID 19 learning losses
- After-school Credit Recovery courses targeting 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade students

The following informational points are presented to help you prepare for the new year:

- **School hours:** 8:00 AM to 3:20 PM
- **Student Uniforms:** khaki pants or black khaki pants (NO JEANS), closed-toe shoes, white, black, red, or burgundy polo-collar shirts.
- **Class schedules:** distributed on the first day of school at the grade level orientation
- Students are expected to attend their **grade level orientation** as follows:
  - **9<sup>th</sup> Grade:** August 25, 2021 from 1 PM – 2:30 PM
  - **10<sup>th</sup> Grade:** August 26, 2021 from 1 PM -2:30 PM
  - **11<sup>th</sup> Grade:** August 26, 2021 from 9 AM – 10:30 AM
  - **12<sup>th</sup> Grade:** August 25, 2021 from 9 AM -10:30 AM

Please plan to join Osborn administration, staff, families, and community members for our **weekly Tuesday Virtual Parent Meeting at 10 AM and 6 PM by calling (313) 462-2305, with the PIN: 189 726 412#**. You will receive weekly school updates pertaining to your child and resources you can take advantage of. In the meantime, please sign up for text alerts from school administration by texting **81010** with the following message: **@osborn2020**.

**Below, are school contacts I encourage you to save:**

- Dr. Jamita Lewis, Principal: [Jamita.Lewis@detroitk12.org](mailto:Jamita.Lewis@detroitk12.org)
- Kianta Bankston, Assistant Principal: [Kianta.Bankston@detroitk12.org](mailto:Kianta.Bankston@detroitk12.org)
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- Adrienne Turnbow, Counseor: [Adrienne.Turnbow@detroitk12.org](mailto:Adrienne.Turnbow@detroitk12.org)
- Tenetia Pulliam, Athletic Director: [Tenetia.Pulliam@detroitk12.org](mailto:Tenetia.Pulliam@detroitk12.org)

**Finally, Osborn Family, I am looking forward to a positive, safe, and productive 2021-2022 school year. We are excited to see our students back for in-person school beginning on Tuesday, September 7, 2021.**

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jamita Lewis".

Jamita Lewis, MPA, Ed.S., Ph.D

Principal

*Attached- Virtual School Requirements*

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**From:** Nikolai Vitti <nikolai.vitti@detroitk12.org>  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 7, 2021 2:48 PM  
**To:** Nikolai Vitti <nikolai.vitti@detroitk12.org>  
**Subject:** Virtual Engagement Sessions on Fall Opening of Schools--All Audiences Invited to Participate  
**Importance:** High

DPSCD Families and Staff,

I hope this message finds everyone healthy and enjoying their summer. We are all excited to see our students back inschool in person this school year starting on Tuesday, September 7<sup>th</sup>. We invite all staff, students, and families to participate in any of the five virtual engagement sessions starting this Monday and spanning over the next two weeks (details below). The sessions will provide everyone with an update on our safety commitments for the Fall and details about our instructional plans, including access to our own Virtual School.

As a reminder, the district will require all employees and students in schoolbuildings to wear a mask, participate in weekly saliva COVID testing, daily temperature and symptom checks. We will maintain 3 feet of social distancing in classrooms and are hiring more teachers to reduce class sizes. The district will have access to additional funding to ensure every school has a nurse and mental health resources for students and families, if requested. Although not required at this time, we encourage all employees and students who are eligible to be vaccinated. This has proven to be the best prevention against COVID. All classrooms and offices will be deeply cleaned daily. A separate team will visit each school and buildings weekly to ensure we are implementing our safety standards with compliance. All employees have access to a fan and air purifier and all schools meet ventilation standards. The district will be providing all schools with masks, hand sanitizer, and additional soap. Teachers will receive additional supply funding for their students. Nothing is more important than the safety and health of our students and staff. We kept everyone safe last year and will continue to do the same this year!

The district will not run online learning as we did last year at individual schools. Instead, your child may access online learning or virtual school through a separate district Virtual School. The district's Virtual School will be operated by a separate principal, staff, and certified district teachers. The Virtual School is accessible to all students grades K-12. If you select the virtual school then the commitment will be for a semester. Your child will maintain their seat at their home school for a school year.

We encourage families to only consider the virtual school option if their child was not chronically absent last year and passed all of their second semester courses. If your child would like to attend the Virtual School and they were chronically absent or failed one or more classes, then you may enroll your child but we will do so on a probationary basis and progress will be evaluated during the first semester.

If your student was enrolled in DPSCD last year, you can begin the enrollment process for your student in the VirtualSchool by using the following link: <http://bit.ly/21-22Return>. As with other surveys, you will need your student's login information to complete the survey. If you need additional support regarding the Virtual School, then you can call the district's Help Desk at (313) 240-4377, 7 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday through Friday or email [virtual.school@detroitk12.org](mailto:virtual.school@detroitk12.org).

After these engagement sessions, individual schools will set up virtualmeetings with their staff, students, and families two weeks before school starts to speak to opening of school details at their respective schools.