

November 6, 2020

Dear Stokes School Community,

We are all still adjusting and adapting to educating our scholars during a pandemic. We know that keeping you up to date with our latest plans for this unprecedented school year is important. Last month we announced that we would make a decision by December 1st about in-person attendance for a small cohort of scholars. We have read warnings from public health officials about the local and national resurgence of COVID-19 transmissions. We have also considered the concern from families and staff about the safety of in-person attendance. **Due to these factors, Stokes School will delay our decision about in-person attendance until January 25, 2021.**

As a reminder, when we begin in-person attendance it will be with a small cohort of scholars who are educationally at-risk. Most likely, the earliest these scholars will return to the buildings is late second trimester or early third trimester. We will continue to review this decision if there are significant changes in the public health crisis.

We do not know when the majority of Stokes Scholars will return to in-person attendance but we are exploring different ways to continue supporting families through this distance learning period.

We recognize that this situation may cause frustration and hardship for members of our school community. Please understand that we strive to serve our scholars and staff in a manner that mitigates harm to our entire community. We will host a town hall meeting on Wednesday, November 18th at 5pm. Please join us then to ask questions and give feedback. A link for the meeting will be in this week's newsletter.

Sincerely,



Erika Bryant
Executive Director