Dear Multicultural Families,

I want to share with you the most up-to-date information on our return to school plans for the 2020-21 school year. During the Meeting on August 6, the Multicultural Board of Education approved learning plan to begin the school year in a fully remote learning model, which we have titled ‘Multicultural Academy : COVID 19 Preparedness and Response Plan,’ with a future plan to begin transitioning small-groups of students to in-person learning scenarios as soon as situations and COVID 19 conditions improve.

This plan has been made with an abundance of caution after much discussion, feedback, and information gathering from our community, staff, and board members over the past few weeks.

We will continue to monitor health protocols and data around COVID-19 transmission in our local area, as we develop new hybrid models to begin reintegrating students back to in-person learning (back to school building) as soon as possible.

As educators, we know that learning in-person provides the best environment for teaching and learning. ‘Multicultural Academy : COVID 19 Preparedness and Response Plan,’ throughout September provides us with the safest way to begin this school year as we support the district’s goal of returning students to in-person learning. Students will begin the year with their assigned classroom/subject matter teacher(s), who will provide daily, high-quality common core instruction through a remote platform.

Highlights of the plan include:

· We will provide a regular and fixed remote schedule for all students

· All common core subjects will be taught remotely everyday with assignments and grading.

· There will be increased mandatory expectations for learning, including content that will be graded, the administration of formative and summative assessments, and attendance for students as required per State guidelines.

· There will be increased mandatory expectations for attendance, as teachers will mark students’ present/absent/tardy, every day.
All teachers will be available full time, beyond remote real time learning hours to provide one-on-one support to students and answer parent queries.

Although we will be beginning the school year in a remote environment, our school office will be open to provide our students and staff with the resources they need for high-quality-learning, as well as ready us for a seamless transition back to an in-person learning environment.

We also recognize that the need of meals every day. We will continue food distribution every: Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 11 am – 1 pm, from School Main Entrance Door.

While we know that this school year will be like no other, nothing will take away from the excitement that we all have as educators to connect with our students once again. Thank you for your continued support and dedication to Multicultural Academy; together we remain strong. You will continue to hear from us, in the coming days and weeks. Stay healthy and stay safe!

Together in Education

Principal,

Mrs. Mohana Mukherjee