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Chief of Schools

August 30, 2021

Dear SLA @ Beeber Families,

The School District has been working to implement numerous renovations and improvements on the SLA @ Beeber (SLA@B) campus. All bathrooms on the east side of the building are scheduled to be completed today. Other projects are still underway including: west side bathroom and locker room renovations; science lab renovations; and a Guaranteed Energy Savings Act (GESA) project, replacing the boiler, fully upgrading the HVAC system to provide air conditioning to the building, and relighting the entire building.

The District's plan was to complete these ongoing projects while in-person learning resumed, with contractors working after school hours under strict health and safety protocols and deep cleaning occurring every night in preparation for the next school day. However, taking into account recent discussions with the school community, we are adjusting these plans for the 2021-2022 school year.

Here's what all staff and students can expect starting tomorrow, Tuesday, August 31 -- the first day of school:

- **August 31 - September 3**
 - All students in grades 5 through 12 will engage in 100% virtual learning and receive a full day of synchronous instruction from their SLA@B teachers each day. Information about how to log on will be shared directly from the school.
 - At SLA@B, classrooms closer to the renovated bathrooms will be prepped to support high school students.
 - Approved cleaning standards will be used to prepare the old Powel School building to welcome SLA@B middle school students next week.
- **September 6 & 7** - Schools will be closed in honor of Labor Day and Rosh Hashanah.
- **Beginning September 8, 2021**
 - Students in grades 5-8 will relocate to attend in-person learning at the former Powel School Location (301 N. 36th Street) for the remainder of the school year. This will eliminate the need for temporary outdoor restrooms at SLA@B.
 - Students in grades 9-12 will engage in in-person learning at SLA@B as we complete the remaining renovations with safety and cleaning protocols in place. They will use the newly renovated bathrooms on the east side of the building.



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Our goal always is to listen and respond to the concerns of our families and staff. **To that end, all SLA@B parents are invited to a Virtual Community Meeting tonight at 7:00 p.m.** You can register in advance for the meeting using [THIS](#) link. Upon registration, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar. A Questions & Answers document will also be posted on the school's website soon.

Thank you in advance for your flexibility as we start this school year. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the school at 215-400-7270 or Principal Johnson at cjohnson@slabeeber.org.

Respectfully,

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