August 24, 2020

Dear EMS Family Member,

I hope this letter finds you well! Without a doubt, this has been an unprecedented time. The Eastpointe Community School staff have been working all summer to navigate the current legislation and safety criteria to ensure the highest levels of health, social emotional, and academic opportunities for your student(s). We are offering a modified face-to-face option for parents who want their student in school and a full time virtual option for parents who prefer to keep their student home. Our very own teachers will be providing instruction, interventions, extensions, and support for our Eastpointe Middle School students regardless of the option you choose! We are committed to providing the best experiences for you and your student despite the obstacles we all currently face.

In our face-to-face/blended option, EMS students will attend school for instruction four hours per day and will also complete work on Google Classroom at home. While in school, students will have smaller class sizes with all appropriate safety considerations in place, including the requirement to wear masks. All classrooms have hand sanitizer dispensers, desks are spaced out and facing the same direction, scheduled hand washing breaks, scheduled classroom cleaning throughout the day, and purposeful movement while in the building to prevent congregating. Transportation will be available as needed and meals will be provided at the end of the day for students to take with them and consume at home. Attendance in school and completion of work towards proficiency of standards is required for credit.

In our virtual school option, EMS will utilize Courseware by Edmentum and teachers will be in contact with students each week. Students in virtual classes will commit to a semester and will have the option to shift back to face-to-face scenario if they choose to at the semester. Students will demonstrate attendance and achieve credit by completing their work to proficiency and having one two-way communication per course per week with teachers. EMS will also have options available for additional tutoring and support.

Eastpointe Middle School is anchored in strong academic principles and has become a model for what education can offer. We are excited to offer a variety of rigorous educational pathways and support for all students this coming fall and we look forward to our continued partnership with you and your student! School starts on September 8th for both virtual and face-to-face. If you select the face-to-face option, please see the Eastpointe Community Schools website for detailed instructions around the Return to Learn plan. Our district website is always the source of the most up-to-date information! We look forward to working with you towards the success of your student!

Yours in Education,

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