

August 25, 2020

Dear Students, Parents, and Community Members,

Detroit Community Schools will start school the day after Labor Day, Tuesday, September 8, 2020.

The DCS School Board determined at their July meeting to begin the school year using Distance Learning. One Call went out to inform all our parents and staff of this decision. At the time of the School Board's decision it was determined that for the month of September all education would be delivered by Chromebook/computer (distance learning). The School Board will evaluate the situation every month and make decisions based upon the health and safety of both students and staff. We will continue to contact you by One Call and emails. Please listen when you get a call from DCS so that you will stay informed of what is occurring.

The dress code will be enforced. Students must be dressed in their uniforms or they will not be admitted to the virtual classroom. The philosophy behind this is very simple. School is your child's job; therefore, they must be dressed appropriately for the workplace.

DCS will be enforcing the following **dress code** for **all** students (K-12; whether on site or participating from home)): uniform style slacks (no jeans, no cargo pants) in tan, blue, or black and the appropriate grade level polo shirt is always to be worn. Here is the list of appropriate grade level polo shirts: K-2 Red; 3-6 Grey; **7th-Yellow**; **8th-Navy Blue**; 9th -Maroon (Burgundy); 10th-Red; 11th-Grey; 12th-Black. Please note the change of polo shirt colors for the 7th and 8th grade. Parents are responsible for providing their student's uniform.

Coming soon to the DCS website:

- The Code of Conduct
- Virtual orientation. Even though we are not starting school on campus, the information will be valuable when we do return to campus and there is information that you may need for distance learning. I would encourage you to take a few minutes to view it.

Currently, we are waiting delivery of the Chromebooks. We plan on distributing a Chromebook to each student; however, as you may know, there is a backorder of Chromebooks. We will keep you posted as we receive information. You will be contacted when the schedule for distribution is going to happen.

The Chromebooks are not yours to keep. We are lending them to each student; therefore, a parent must provide ID (driver's license or State ID) to receive the Chromebook. They must be returned to the school at the end of the academic year.

As we get closer to the beginning of the school year, please be aware that more information will be provided as we receive more directives and clarifications.

Thank you for supporting your students and DCS as we strive to provide educational opportunities.

Sincerely,

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