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Dear QCACS Parents, Guardians, & Scholars,

We are excited about the beginning of another school year! This year is full of opportunity and QCACS is positioning scholars to be change makers by providing a school culture and climate in which all scholars thrive. We are proud to announce that during the 1st semester of the 2020-2021 school year we have partnered with [The Coder School of Montgomery, NJ](#) to provide coding classes for all scholars in grades K-8. All coding classes will run in small group sessions on Wednesdays beginning September 30th through December 16th.

On September 14th 2020 we will begin our 20th School Year! The school year will begin with scholars taking virtual classes Monday through Friday. **All virtual classes will run September through November.** In order to ensure a smooth start to the year, we will hold an in person scholar orientation day at which time scholars will meet their teachers. **All orientations will follow social distancing guidelines; no more than 10 scholars will be present within any orientation sessions.** Families will receive an email and phone call notifying of their scholar's orientation day and time. We will make sure that all siblings within a family have orientation on the same day.

At QCACS we understand the challenges that families are facing due to virtual instruction. In order to normalize learning at home, we are offering families access to school desks. If any families would like a desk to use at home, please use this [link to request a desk](#). We are also in conversations with **The Boys & Girls Club to provide childcare for those parents that are essential workers and/or needing someone to monitor scholars during the day.** Childcare options range from 8:00am to 6:00pm. There is a fee associated with the childcare services. However, family subsidies such as "Program for Parents" are accepted in lieu of payment. **If you are in need of childcare services, please complete this [survey](#).** The survey and our school calendar for 2020-2021 can also be found on our website.

With this being our 20th year of empowering scholars here in the greater Plainfield Area, we are continuing to build on the foundation of our work with scholars and families. To that end our new teachers have been on campus for the last two weeks preparing to welcome our scholars. All returning staff members arrived on campus Monday, August 24th. As a school this year we are embracing change and learning all that we can to ensure that our virtual learning is challenging and providing access to all learners. This year our staff has begun to engage in deepening our skill sets around diversity, equity, and inclusion practices in order to ensure that ALL scholars feel valued,

loved, and honored. In making sure that all scholars feel represented, we are constantly reviewing curriculum to ensure that it is culturally relevant and responsive to scholars.

Here at QCACS we continue to keep our scholars safe physically and we work hard at making sure that scholars feel just as safe emotionally and socially. Therefore, throughout the year and certainly during the virtual learning, we will hold small social POD activities to keep scholars engaged.

Looking forward to continuing on the journey of learning with you all!

Mrs. West-Augustin