Dear Virtual Learning Program Families,

Welcome to Austin ISD's Virtual Learning Program for the fall 2021 semester. My name is Joshua Jeon, and I am the leader of our program this semester. We look forward to engaging with students as they build connections and develop new knowledge and skills.

Students will receive instruction via BLEND and through direct, teacher-led virtual instruction. This will include live interaction and independent work. As we learned last year, your support is vital to make virtual learning a success for your student. We look forward to getting to know your student, their unique strengths and learning needs, and collaborating with you for a successful virtual semester.

I understand that there are many questions related to virtual school this semester. Our teachers look forward to meeting with you at the Virtual Teacher Meet and Greet on Friday, 3-4 p.m. (K-5, Elementary 6th) and 4-5 p.m. (Middle School 6th).

Please look for communication with the Zoom meeting link and information by 10 a.m. Friday morning. During the Virtual Teacher Meet and Greet, teachers will provide more information related to virtual school schedules and expectations.

It is highly suggested that Austin ISD students use a district-issued iPad (PreK-2nd grade) or Chromebook (3-12 grade) to support their learning. If you need a device for this school year or need to exchange your device due to loss or damage, please contact your home campus to schedule a time for pick-up.

For our 3rd grade students, please contact your home campus to exchange your iPad for a Chromebook. Additionally, if you need a hotspot for internet access to support connecting during the fall semester, please also contact your home campus.

For more information about <u>Austin ISD's Virtual Learning Program, please visit our website</u>.

We look forward to a successful virtual fall 2021 semester!

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