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TO: Parents, Guardians, and Students
FROM: Brian M. Moore, Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment
SUBJECT: Online Learning Option--Panther Academy
DATE: July 15, 2020

As we approach the start of the 2020-2021 school year, we are aware of the fact that some parents and guardians, due to Covid-19, may not feel comfortable sending their student(s) back to school for face-to-face learning and would like to provide information about our online learning option, Panther Academy.

We have identified three separate levels for instruction: Level III is regular instruction at the buildings, 100% of students; Level II is a blended model in which 50% of students attend every other day; Level I is all learning online.

Parents and guardians who aren't comfortable sending students to school in the Level II or III designations may enroll their student(s) in Panther Academy, which is run through a Capital Area Intermediate program referred to as CAOLA.

Benefits of Panther Academy (CAOLA):

- Offers full grade level curriculum in a seamless manner
- Courses are taught by highly qualified and certified teachers with experience delivering online instruction
- Students have full access to each teacher and can receive immediate feedback and responses to questions
- Students will also have access to online and face-to-face meetings with a Panther Academy (CAOLA) advisor
- Students with IEPs, GIEPs, and 504s receive proper accommodations
- Students are still part of EPASD and able to participate in extracurricular activities
- Students can seamlessly transition from Panther Academy (CAOLA) back to an EPASD brick and mortar school (We do ask that students remain in Panther Academy for the duration of the marking period in which they entered the program)

Where do I find additional information about Panther Academy (CAOLA)?

Please see the K-8 EPASD Panther Academy Handbook on our website.

Please see the 9-12 EPASD Panther Academy Handbook on our website.

How do I sign my son or daughter up for Panther Academy (CAOLA)?

The first step is to contact your building principal(s). They will work with you to register your student in our Panther Academy program.

Sincerely,

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