



Capitol Hill Cluster School
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Dear Peabody and Watkins students and families,

Welcome to the first-ever virtual start to the school year 2020-21! Students will do something that has not been done before: start our school year with completely online, virtual instruction. As historic as our learning experiences may be, we are about to enter a period of great change and challenge for students, staff, and families. As we prepare for our upcoming school year, I want each member of the Capitol Hill Cluster Community to be sure to put the safety, health, and wellness of themselves and their loved ones first.

As your new principal, I am embracing this moment to be creative and make the best out of the opportunities in front of us. I intend for my actions to further develop the community we have at Peabody, Watkins, and the greater cluster. I plan to do so by practicing the values of equity, collaboration, focus, and excellence that I shared in my Entry Plan. All the while, I commit to written, virtual, posted, and hopefully in-person communication around how those values are connected to the actions we take. I have been in touch with many families already and I can tell our shared enthusiasm for learning will help us overcome the challenges we face.

As you know, we are starting the school year in a 100% virtual model. Learning experiences this term will be both live, recorded, and rooted in community building as each homeroom class will hold a morning meeting every instructional day. Our inner core (“specials”) teams will also deliver daily instruction and we have support teams in place to make regular calls to check in on families. The Peabody and Watkins teams are ready to support our learners!

Please read through the rest of this packet carefully to find your child’s homeroom teacher, schedule, supply list, information from the PTA and other important information.

In service,
 Mr. MScott Berkowitz
 Principal, Peabody and Watkins Elementary Schools

