Greetings J. Frank Dent Community,

It is that time again "Back to School" I hope that everyone has had a safe and restful summer. As you are aware Prince George’s County students will participate in distance learning from **August 31, 2020, until January 29, 2021.** I am committed to keeping the JFDES community informed throughout this process. As a school, we will utilize Zoom Meetings, Digital Newsletters, PGCPS Robo Calls, Website Postings, and of course Class Dojo to keep you informed. Please keep in mind office staff are only in the building on Mondays and Wednesdays to be reached by phone. Everyone will be more successful in communicating with Email. Together we are stronger!!! I appreciate your commitment to the success of our students.

It is a great day to be alive! It is also a great time to serve the children and families of Prince George’s County Public Schools. I am so grateful to lead such a dynamic group of innovative educators. The J. Frenk Dent Staff is doing everything possible to get ready to teach students and ensure that they have the tools, textbooks, manipulatives, and the technology needed to fully participate in distance learning. Please plan to attend the **“virtual” parent meeting on August 27, 2020,** to get more clarity on the schedule and ask questions as needed. Teachers return on 8/20/20. Communication about Google Classroom codes will be coming **after** Friday 8/21/20 when they receive their class list.

I know there are tons of questions about the opening of school. Some of the questions we can answer and others we get the answers as we go along. Please stay tuned to Class Dojo for more updates. We also will begin posting on our twitter!!! @jfrankdent. This is a new process for everyone. (NEW DATE) Learning Materials and Technology devices will be available for pickup starting **Tuesday, August 25, 2020 - Thursday, August 27, 2020, from 9 am - 2 pm.** All students must have their own devices!! All students will be attending classes at the same time. Materials are being delivered to the buildings daily. Unfortunately, we cannot control the timeliness of the textbook deliveries and a second pick-up may be necessary as additional materials come in for your students’ grade-level. I know we are asking for a lot. However, we want the students to have any and everything possible for them to be successful. I know that you want that as well!!!

Educationally,

Erika J. Proctor