



MEMPHIS MERIT ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL

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SCHOOL COMMUNICATION

April 17, 2020

Dear Memphis Merit Academy Founding Families,

On Wednesday, April 15, 2020, Governor Bill Lee [recommended](#) Tennessee school buildings should remain closed for the rest of the academic year due to the coronavirus pandemic. **In alignment with Shelby County Schools, Memphis Merit Academy Charter School will remain closed for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year.**

We are deeply committed to the academic progress of every scholar enrolled in our school and will continue to ensure your child is on the path to college. **MMA Distance Learning will continue as scheduled until May 15, 2020 for all scholars. In order for Memphis Merit scholars to remain on track for the upcoming school year, your child should continue to participate in our Distance Learning Program to remain on track for the upcoming school year.** This means scholars will continue to have access to a virtual teacher Monday through Thursday 9-5PM. This means scholars will continue to receive Lifework packets to support scholars in growing their brains for the upcoming 2020-2021 school year. This means our team will continue to provide support around your child gaining access to online learning platforms. This means **ALL** scholars will continue to develop the skills necessary for academic achievement.

Memphis Merit Academy Founding Families are **resilient**. While this is a hard ending to such a momentous school year, we have accomplished so much. We are committed to continuing to partner with you to ensure your child is on the path to college.

Please refer to the following guidance on next steps for your family:

Lifework Packets. New Lifework Packets will be placed in a bin outside the school for the upcoming week and available for pickup by families on Monday, April 20, 2020 at noon. Families may also submit completed Lifework Packets into the bin labeled completed work outside the school for staff to review. Your family will have access to Lifework bins 24hrs a day, and work will be collected multiple times per week by staff. Also, all scholars were sent home with 3-5 books to add to their home libraries. We will continue to provide Lifework packets throughout the summer.

Distance Learning. Memphis Merit teachers will continue to be available on our [online platform](#) Monday through Thursday from 9AM-5PM to deliver instruction based on our current literacy and math data for your child until May 15, 2020. Please remember to ensure your child has their Lifework Packet available and is focused on their teacher during this time. In addition, we strongly encourage your child to login to [Dreambox](#) and [LexiaCore5](#) to continue to learn skills necessary for the upcoming school year. Your child may continue to access Dreambox and LexiaCore5 after May 15, 2020 to continue to meet their academic needs.

Chromebook Drop-off. *In order for our team to evaluate inventory and repairs for the upcoming school year, we will be collecting Chromebooks during the week of May 18-22, 2020. You may drop off your scholar's Chromebook between 9-11AM and 2-5PM each day. Our team will use the same health and safety precautions, as previously stated during Chromebook pick-up.*

Report Cards. Quarter 3 report cards were mailed out two weeks ago to families using the addresses in Schoolmint. We will be sharing information about retention and promotion in a future communication. We highly encourage families to check your address and contact information in [Schoolmint](#) to stay connected.

We hope your family remains safe and healthy during these unprecedented times, and encourage you to reach out to a member of our team for additional support, if needed at 901-617-3690.

Every morning Memphis Merit scholars are reminded of their identity. **Who are we? Where are we going? How will we get there?** Take a moment to ask your child these questions, and they will remind you of our MISSION. The school is *NOT* the building. We are still committed to the work we set out to do, and we are right here with **YOU**.

Committed to excellence,

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