

August 19, 2020

Dear SASED Parents and Guardians,

I hope this letter finds you and your family healthy and safe. I know that SASED staff are busily preparing for our students' return to school. They are excited to connect with our students and families in the next few days! As you are aware, all SASED classroom instruction and services will be provided remotely, under a rolling remote plan through September 28th. Our classroom teachers and service providers are creating engaging and motivating lessons for students, planning for social-emotional learning opportunities, and seeking out new ways to enhance remote learning for this fall. We are so proud of the opportunities that our students will have access to.

Behind the scenes, our administrative team is working in partnership with member districts to open services to in-person instruction in host districts that are open to student attendance on or after September 28. We are carefully considering additional guidance from The Illinois State Board of Education, the Illinois Department of Public Health, and The Center for Disease Control in making these plans. Subsequently, the administrative team plans to communicate this shift to in-person instruction to families in mid-late September, with a final presentation to SASED's Board of Control on September 23rd.

As more information becomes available, we will send additional communication to our learning community. We are grateful for your patience, flexibility, and understanding as we work together to bring our students back to school safely!

Sincerely,

Maureen Kidd Director of Programs and Services