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Dear LEAD Families,

This year has confirmed for us yet again that we will continue to face new challenges and situations. Through a tornado, a pandemic, economic and civil unrest, you have remained committed to LEAD Public Schools and working tirelessly to do what's best for your student(s). You adapted to a virtual environment and worked collaboratively with us to create a safe space for your student to continue to learn and excel. Then, many of you prepared to return to the schools we all miss so much.

As you know, last Friday Metro Nashville Public Schools (MNPS) decided to pause the return to in-person learning due to the increase in local Coronavirus cases, the challenges of a combination pandemic and flu season and data from local and national health experts. Today, the MNPS communicated that they continue to pause the reopening of middle schools and did not confirm a date to return.

Throughout this pandemic we've all felt overwhelmed by uncertainty. At LEAD, we considered these concerns, our understanding of MNPS' decision to pause, the number of instructional days remaining in 2020 considering the upcoming holidays, and the potential disruption in learning while waiting and hoping to return to the classroom.

We determined the best course of action we can take to ensure the health and safety of our families and staff as well as a continuation of our students' academic progress is to remain in virtual-only learning for the remainder of 2020.

We are committed to providing the best education possible for our students, and that is our commitment no matter the location of the learning. I believe MNPS will make an announcement soon.

We live by our ethos - we are courageous, committed, disciplined, self-reliant and, above all else, we serve others. I want to remind you that our Serve Others Stations are ready to help you and your family with the many challenges that may arise from remaining virtual. If you are a LEAD family in need of assistance during this uncertain time, please don't hesitate to complete our "[LEAD Serve Others Stations](#)" form, and a member of our Family and Community Engagement Team will follow up with you based on your unique needs.

These stations allow us to bring the ethos “Serve Others” to life in our day-to-day operations by providing items ranging from household cleaning supplies to food and other needs, including support with internet connectivity. If that is you, we hope that this can be a resource to you and your family.

Please know that we continue to prepare for and look forward to returning to in-person instruction. Your health and safety is our number one priority.

Even though we will not be together in the same buildings for the remainder of 2020, we are LEAD Public Schools - a community of learners committed to our ethos and ready for college and ready for life.

Thank you for being part of the LEAD network.

-- Dwayne Tucker