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Kelly S. Batiste, CEO/Principal

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Dear Fannie Family,

Thank you for your ongoing support during these unprecedented times. Yesterday and today we were able to test over three hundred students and staff members. This level of testing has helped us to identify positives cases within our school community and make decisions about the best way to safely reopen school. To help slow the spread and to limit the number of staff and student quarantines, Fannie C. Williams Charter School will shift to a virtual learning model beginning Thursday, January 6, 2022. We know that virtual learning is not ideal and we appreciate your patience and understanding as we navigate this transition.

All parents are asked to come to the school on Wednesday, January 5th to pick up devices and instructional materials. The staff will be issuing materials from the rear of the school between the hours of 9 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

School will reopen virtually for all students on Thursday, January 6th. It is very important that all students are logged into their Google Classroom Meets for all classes. **Attendance will be taken and students must be present and in camera view at all times.** Teachers will provide specific schedules via Dojo and Google Classroom. We will continue on virtual instruction through Wednesday, January 19th. We anticipate returning to in-person learning on Thursday, January 20th.

In addition, I would like to share some recent changes to LDH and NOLA-PS COVID-19 recommendations:

- Masks are required both indoors and outdoors
- Suspension of extracurricular activities
- Suspension of social gatherings
- Use of high-quality masks in school (N95/KN95)
- Revised quarantine guidance
 - If asymptomatic, vaccinated close contacts do not need to quarantine. They should test on day 5 (molecular or antigen)
 - Students who are unvaccinated close contacts must quarantine for 5 days. They should test on day 5 (molecular or antigen)

As we look ahead, I encourage all families to seek regular testing, get vaccinated, and keep your children home if they are experiencing any symptoms. Our teachers and staff, who have also had to endure many shifts and changes over the last few years, may also require additional patience as they navigate these adjustments.

Thank you again for your continued support. Please email info@fcwcs.org or call the school if you have any questions or concerns. Please see below for a summary of important dates:

- Wednesday, January 5th-Device and Materials pick-up. Rear of school 9 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. No school for students.
- Thursday, January 6th- Virtual Classes begin
- Monday, January 17th- MLK Holiday- No School for staff and students
- Tuesday, January 18th- COVID testing from 8:45-11:30 in cafeteria. All students must be tested before we return to in-person instruction
- Thursday, January 20th- Return to in-person instruction

Sincerely,

Kelly S. Batiste

Principal/CEO