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August 10, 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians:

First and most importantly, I hope you and your family are healthy and safe. I would like to formally introduce myself as your new principal for Pine Bluff Lighthouse Charter School for the 2020 – 2021 school year. I have worked with PBLCS the last two years as a support for math teachers and students and for support with the Summit program. I have a 2 year old son and another child on the way. I began my educational career in Memphis, TN, and I have now worked for Arkansas Lighthouse for 2 full years as a math coach and an assistant principal. I am extremely excited to take on this new role of support for all teachers, students, and families. As your new principal and as a parent, I know that these are unprecedented times, and many of you are being asked to step into unfamiliar roles. I am incredibly sad that these times will not allow me to speak with each of you face to face and in person, but I know we shall still maintain strong communication and get to know each other. I want to assure you that we are working hard to develop the appropriate guidelines and support for our teachers, students, and families during these difficult times. We are all in this together, working on behalf of our children, with the number one priority being that we keep everyone safe and healthy.

Right now, the plan is to return to school on Monday August 24th, 2020. We will offer 2 options: In person and at school every day, or virtual. If there are any changes, we will notify everyone immediately.

- **In-person Learning:** All students and staff will wear masks and abide by social distancing rules. We will be at school all 5 days of the week.
- **Remote (Virtual) Learning:** Virtual learning at home has been designed to be synchronous with in-person daily instruction. This means that your child will have a daily schedule, attendance and participation will be accounted for, lunch and breaks will occur, and learning will continue just like a normal school day. Your child will follow the schedule of in-person scholars and learn the same material with the same rigor and the same expectations.

We have made it a priority with these two options to ensure each child feels nurtured and stays healthy and has a rich and meaningful learning experience this school year. In this letter/email you will find another document called PBLCS Reopening Information. This document shares specific information on what school will look like virtually (online and at home) and in person (at school every day). More information is coming!

We encourage families, school administrators, and teachers to work together to find the best ways to support each child during this challenging time. Please reach out to me or the office with any questions or concerns. Thank you everything you do to support your children and our school during these challenging times.

Sincerely,
John Osborn
Principal
Pine Bluff Lighthouse Charter School