Dear Parents and Guardians,

Over the first eight weeks of the school year, our staff has closely monitored remote learning. Though we have seen some remote learners succeed, many have not been able to reach appropriate levels of mastery or growth during the first grading cycle. We believe that for those struggling with the remote learning environment, it is necessary for them to return back to the school to receive instruction from their teachers in a face to face environment. The Texas Education Agency allows school districts to offer remote instruction at-home for students because of COVID-19, but it is not required.

For all these reasons, beginning Tuesday, October 20th, virtual students that are not passing will be required to return to the school for face to face instruction. Students who do not return to school will be considered absent.

Student enrollment or withdrawal from a remote learning environment will continue to be determined on a case by case decision between each family and the school administration. Please work with your child's teacher, school counselor, and principal to determine what is best for your situation.

Our top priority is the safety of our students and we remain committed to practicing safety guidelines including: monitoring student health, wearing of masks, frequent disinfecting practices, and notifying parents of any concerns. Since the first day of school on August 13th, SRISD has had zero students or staff test positive for COVID-19.

Thank you for your continued support as we navigate this unprecedented time in education.

Sincerely,

James D. Sanders

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