Dear Parents/Guardians:

We want to extend a welcome to Pulaski Heights Middle School's virtual learning. We are eagerly looking forward to providing your child with an engaging learning experience!

During the week of August 24th students were focused on getting comfortable with Schoology and online learning. Students worked through a series of activities in Schoology as well as attend virtual conferences to get acclimated to the online learning experience. This was provided by the LRSD Curriculum and Instruction Department. On Wednesday, August 26th, 1st period-A Day teachers attempted to connect with virtual students to provide information about week 2 and beyond. *Please make sure your phone and email contacts are up to date with our school*. Some students may not have been reached due to incorrect or missing information.

Below are some important points to remember:

• All virtual students will login to Schoology via Classlink starting **Monday, August 31, 2020.** Directions on how to login to Classlink are attached. *If you need assistance with logging in, please submit a help ticket here*.

• Once logged into Schoology, students will click on their courses. Since students are not required to be online at the same time as their classes (but may if they choose), it is a good idea to *begin* everyday clicking into each class to see if a conference link has been provided by the instructor for the day. Classroom teachers will provide specific times they will be live during the week, but some may do other live events. These will be done via Zoom or Teams. Both platforms are through Schoology. If there are no links for live meetings, work may be done self-paced. Click here for a quick overview of what your child will see when they login. Lessons, assignments and video conferences will be completed inside of Schoology. Live lessons may be synchronous or asynchronous depending on the content to be completed that day. Parents should not expect their children to be involved in livestreamed lessons all day, but rather will have a mixture of videos, live conferences and self-paced activities to complete throughout the day.

Virtual learning *does require* students to be self-motivated and able to monitor their own learning. Students may need assistance from home as they become comfortable with completing their assignments online.

You will receive a parent access code to Schoology **during week two**. The parent access code will allow you to view the activity within your child's Schoology account and communicate with their teacher(s). For additional information about parent accounts and directions on how to create a parent Schoology account click here.