



Welcome back! Schedule and updates

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Dear U. City Schools Families and Staff:

Hello, and welcome to the new year 2021 and all the hope and promise that it brings.

I hope that you all were able to enjoy some rest, peace and joy during our Winter Break. The time off for me was very restorative, and I am looking positively ahead to a year that starts with more of our children back in our classrooms and a vaccine that cannot come soon enough for our community. The St. Louis Post-Dispatch published an op-ed on Dec. 27 written by Sherita Love and myself entitled, [A season of hope for educational equity](#). It poses fundamental educational aspirations for equity and urges that we use what we've learned about inequity during COVID-19 to rethink educational systems so that they embrace and lift up every child.

I wanted to also give you a few reminders and updates:

- Classes in all grades resume tomorrow, Tuesday, Jan. 5.
 - Instruction will be all-virtual this week for all students.
 - Next Monday, Jan. 11 marks the start of in-class instruction for grades PreK - 8.
 - Cohort A students will come to school on Monday and Tuesday, Jan. 11-12.
 - Cohort B students will come to school on Thursday and Friday, Jan. 14-15.
 - Both in-person and virtual instruction will dismiss early on Friday, Jan. 15.
 - There are no classes on Monday, Jan. 18 in observance of Martin Luther King Day.
- The District's [COVID-19 Dashboard](#) will be updated tomorrow morning, Jan. 5.
- Later this week, elementary school parents will receive an email and link to a voluntary research survey being conducted by Washington University in St. Louis to learn how parents talk to their children about racial differences. The research project is aligned with our district's focus on racial equity, and I encourage parents to participate.

We are so excited to welcome your children back, and are thrilled that our 7th and 8th graders will be re-entering Brittany Woods' classrooms. Please keep an eye out for specific communications from your school principals about re-entry next week. As always, you can reach me at shardin@ucityschools.org or on my cell at 314-399-0941 if you have any questions or comments.

In Service of Our Children,

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