



## BOE approves virtual-only start for the school year

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Dear U. City Schools Families:

Last night, July 30, 2020, our Board of Education unanimously approved starting the 2020-21 school year fully virtual. As much as we hoped to bring our students back to their classrooms for the start of the school year, our buildings will remain closed for in-person instruction at least for the first quarter of the year.

This decision was made with an abundance of caution and reflects our deep concern for the health and emotional well-being of our students and staff. You can read the full press release on the decision and a summary of the back-to-school plan [here](#).

Under this decision, both Click Academy and Brick Academy will offer fully virtual/distance learning instruction. There are key differences between the two options and some similarities. Click Academy students will take all of their virtual courses entirely through Launch with Launch instructors for the entire first semester. Brick Academy students will take all of their distance learning classes with their SDUC teachers. Both options will offer both synchronous and asynchronous learning (live online instruction and student-driven online learning).

A few reminders:

- **SSD is hosting a Zoom webinar today**, Friday, July 31, at 2 p.m. for families with students who have an IEP or are being evaluated for an IEP. There is still time [to register](#).
- **The deadline to fill out the form to begin the enrollment process for Click Academy is tomorrow**, August 1. All families who fill out the [enrollment form](#) will be invited via an email sent this weekend to a Click Academy Town Hall session this Monday, August 3 at 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. We strongly encourage you to attend this webinar to learn more and understand your choice. On Monday evening we will email links to recordings of both meetings for those who are unable to attend.
- Also, please remember **our next Parent Cafe, "From Click to Brick,"** on Tuesday, August 4 presented by members of the Curriculum and Instruction team. To learn more and to register, go to [www.ucityschools.org/ParentCafes2020](http://www.ucityschools.org/ParentCafes2020).

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at [shardin@ucityschools.org](mailto:shardin@ucityschools.org) or on my cell at 314-399-0941.

In Service of Our Children,

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