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Greetings Bulldog Family!

I enthusiastically welcome you to Richland One Middle College (ROMC) for the 2020-21 school year. I hope you had a wonderful summer and share in my eagerness to get this very unique, but very promising school year off to great start. I would like to share with you a few points for consideration as we begin the year. Keep in mind that things are changing rapidly, and it may become necessary to provide additional updates as more information becomes available.

Virtual Student Orientation Virtual Orientation will be on Wednesday, August 26, 2020 via Zoom. Returning students' orientation is at 5:30pm. Orientation for new students is at 6:30pm. Please check your email for log-in information.

Phase-In Model ROMC will be following Richland County School District One's (RCSD1) Phase-In Model for re-opening of school for the 2020-21 school year. The plan has 3 phases based on the COVID 19 risk level for Richland County. (Please see the table below.) Schedules for all three phases can be found on our website. As of the date of this letter, we are in Phase 1 and will re-open school virtually on August 31st.

-Phase 1: (eLearning) online
(High COVID-19 risk level)

-Phase 2: (Hybrid) online &
in-person classroom instruction
(Moderate COVID-19 risk level)

-Phase 3: (Traditional) In-person
classroom instruction
(Low COVID-19 risk level)

Microsoft Teams Microsoft Teams will be the platform used to facilitate instruction during the eLearning phase. With their school-assigned laptops, the students will follow their schedule and log-on daily to Microsoft Teams in order to meet with their teachers for virtual lessons.

Virtual Attendance Policy Please consider the following points with regards to student attendance and eLearning:

- Students are expected to log-in for every class meeting and remain logged in for the duration of that class.
- Attendance must be taken within the first 10 minutes of each class period. Students arriving after attendance is taken will be marked tardy.
- If the student logs on to class after 50% of the period has passed the student will be marked absent for the class period.
- If a student fails to log in for 3 consecutive or 5 cumulative full days without an explanation for the absences the school will follow RCSD1's Board Policy and Administrative Rule JBH Student Attendance and Truancy which outlines the procedures for addressing student absences and truancy.

Technology and Textbook Pick-up Additional information regarding technology and textbooks will be provided during our virtual orientation on Wednesday, August 26, 2020 via Zoom. Midlands Tech dual enrollment students should have already received technology and textbooks.

On behalf of the ROMC Faculty and Staff, I thank you for your continued patience and flexibility as we adjust to the many changes and challenges that have accompanied the COVID-19 pandemic. Please rest assure that the education, health and safety of all ROMC students are our top priorities. Should you need have questions or need further assistance, please contact us. I look forward to working with you this school year.

Sincerely,

Carla E. Brabham

Dr. Carla E. Brabham
Principal