



RICHMOND R-XVI SCHOOL DISTRICT

Mr. Greg Darling, Superintendent
Dr. Ginger Jones, Assistant Superintendent

August 28, 2020

High School Parent/Guardians of Virtual Choice B Students,

During this pandemic, there are a variety of challenges out of our control. A state-wide overwhelming request for Launch courses has led to a pause in enrollment in the Launch program for some Launch high school courses across the state. Therefore, a virtual education opportunity has been developed by the Richmond School District. High school students who chose Choice B will still be in a virtual learning setting with Richmond School District teachers or a combination of Launch courses and Richmond High School courses.

Benefits to a virtual program with Richmond teachers include:

- Consistent curriculum with in-person and virtual students
- The ability for Richmond teachers to close the gap in learning caused by the spring state-wide school closing due to COVID-19
- A transition from virtual to in-person learning would be smoother because of the consistent curriculum
- A transition from in-person to virtual learning would also be smoother because we would have a team of teachers with experience in the virtual setting
- Student relationships have already been created by Richmond teachers
- On-site support from teachers would be available to virtual students and parents
- There is a local connection for all students in the district
- Virtual students will be in a class with their friends and other Richmond students

To help with planning and preparation for the Richmond High School Virtual Program, the virtual start date will be September 10, 2020.

Sincerely,

Richmond School District

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