TO: Parents/Guardians of Frederick Douglass Students

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RE: PGCPS Parent “Opt-Out” Information for Student Participation in Live Lessons

In an effort to provide continuity of learning, PGCPS teachers will be using various digital tools during our distance learning instructional lessons. When using any digital tool, students should learn about safe and effective practices. Our essential tools include Google Classroom and video conferencing tools (Google Meet and Zoom). The video conferencing tools allow teachers to provide live virtual lessons to students. Live lessons that are recorded will not include student faces, and when possible will not include voices. Teachers may also ask students to use engagement tools, such as Screencastify, Flipgrid, Edpuzzle, or Kami for example.

Students are expected to participate in the live lessons, but some parents/guardians may opt-out of the use of video and/or audio. While we would expect all students to be engaged visibly and verbally during live lessons, parents may choose for their child to “opt-out,” meaning they may request that their child is not seen or heard during live lessons.

For parents who will not opt-out and who will permit their child to be seen and heard during lessons, no further action is required.

For parents who wish to opt-out, the electronic form on our website has been created for your use. If you do not want your student to use video and or audio during live lessons, complete the Video Conferencing section of the opt-out form, link is next to the link to this letter on our main page. If you do not want your student to use any of the engagement tools, complete the Supplementary Digital Tools section of the opt-out form linked below. Please read the form carefully. Please note: If this feature is used, it will be the parent and / or child’s responsibility to ensure that video and audio features are disabled during live lessons.

This form should be submitted no later than September 23rd.