



OFFICE OF INNOVATION AND DEVELOPMENT

September 19, 2022

Dear Dinwiddie Virtual Academy Families:

The Dinwiddie Virtual Academy has served our county over the past two years by providing families with an alternative to the traditional classroom environment. At the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, extending virtual opportunities to our students allowed education to continue while also addressing the concerns of our families.

Dinwiddie Public Schools has carefully considered the data involving the performance and the growth of our virtual academy students. That data indicated that the students enrolled in virtual education were not performing as well as in-person students on growth assessments and SOL tests. Furthermore, the medical community has a much firmer grasp on the treatment and prevention strategies for the COVID-19 virus.

It is the responsibility of Dinwiddie County Public Schools to ensure the education of the students in Dinwiddie County. Doing so requires that we make decisions that we believe will best serve the educational needs of young people. To meet that responsibility, we have determined that it is in the best interest of the students of Dinwiddie County Public Schools to commit to in-person enrollment for all of our students.

We know that some of our students may have significant medical conditions, and we encourage families with such concerns to contact my office to discuss options for the 2023-2024 school year.

Students currently enrolled in VirtualVA and Edmentum classes through the Dinwiddie Virtual Academy will remain registered through the end of the 2022-2023 school year (the last class day for the spring semester is May 18, 2023). Virtual students are still expected to maintain grades of 70% or higher in all classes to continue to be eligible for virtual education through the end of this school year.

Thank you for allowing us to serve you and your children.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Chuck Moss", written over a white background.

Chuck Moss

Director of Innovation and Development