# 2021-22 DISD K-8 Virtual Academy

#### PURPOSE

- Provide an option for connected families, currently engaged and successful in the Denton ISD, who still have health concerns and prevent students from leaving district for other options.
- Reconnect with families and students who may have selected homeschool or disengaged with Denton ISD for a different form of instruction.
- Allow teachers to continue to specialize in a virtual modality of instruction.

### TIMELINE-CURRENTLY

- A principal will be presented to the board this evening for approval.
- Academic Programs is working with technology department to streamline the registration process and establish dates for registration.
- Communications, Academic Programs, and the K-8 Virtual Academy principal will establish timelines for student registration to ensure appropriate staffing and master scheduling for all impacted Denton ISD campuses.

## TIMELINE-IMMEDIATE NEXT STEPS

- Staffing:
  - Potential teaching candidates will complete a video screening process.
  - The K-8 Virtual Academy principal will vet and interview candidates through the month of April in order to complete the transfer process.
- Enrollment:
  - Enrollment will open for students to enroll in the K-8 Virtual Academy.
  - We hope to secure solid numbers of enrollment by the end of April.
- Curriculum and Instruction and the K-8 Virtual Academy principal will finalize course offerings and work through master scheduling.

## TIMELINE-APRIL THROUGH SUMMER

- Board updates will continue through summer.
- Registration forms will be secured in order to finalize the master schedule and staffing.
- Locations for all Virtual Academy teachers will be designated and outfitted with necessary technology.
- Professional learning opportunities will be provided for and tailored to the needs of the Virtual Academy teachers.