Greetings New EPIC Families!

I am pleased to welcome you to the EPIC family! And as I indicated in my email to you on July 30, you will be meeting different members of our team through email in the coming weeks and receiving information from us to orient you to EPIC life.

I want to share information with you about what to expect from your teacher and the role of the EPIC principal.

1. EPIC teachers are paired with students based on either a families’ preference of a teacher at enrollment and/or the availability on a teacher’s roster for more students. Students are paired with a teacher who lives in close proximity to them. While it is rare, there are times that a teacher’s roster changes for various necessary circumstances and one or more of their students are reassigned to an equally caring teacher. We believe every child has the right to a teacher that will best serve them and much forethought is put into pairing teachers with students.

2. All of our teachers are Oklahoma certified and meet with their students face-to-face regularly, perhaps multiple times each month, depending on their students’ needs. They are also accessible to families and students virtually, such as through Skype, Google Hangout, phone, text and email.

3. If at any time you become convinced your assigned teacher is not a good fit, let your principal know. We will do everything possible to make an immediate reassignment for you.

4. Each principal has about 25 teachers under his/her supervision. Just like in a traditional school, should you have any challenges with your teacher, or you experience challenges with another EPIC department that your teacher cannot resolve, never hesitate to reach out to your principal.

5. Teachers will be reaching out to families this month. Perhaps yours already has. Many of our teachers are meeting with returning EPIC families right now so they can devote the remainder of the summer to getting new EPIC families like yourself ready for the school year.

6. Your first meeting will likely take about two hours. During the meeting you will get to know one another, complete together an Individualized Learning Plan (ILP) for your child, and choose your child’s virtual curriculum. Research
our curricula offerings from our school website by visiting: www.EpicCharterSchools.org → Click on Learning → Click on Core Curricula.

7. This month, we will send you a welcome packet to your mailing address. This will include an instructional calendar, pacing schedule (we will discuss pacing in an upcoming email with you) and a contact list, so you know the appropriate EPIC department to which you direct specific questions and issues. These are great items to post on your refrigerator for reminders!

Again, the entire EPIC team is so excited your family has joined us. I hope this email has answered any questions you may have about EPIC teachers and principals and that you will reach out to us if it has not.

Be looking for more orientation emails from us in the coming weeks!

Sincerely,

Bart Banfield,
Superintendent