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Dear Parent/Guardian,

This letter is to notify you that your child has been enrolled in an online course with Florida Virtual School (FLVS) and will take the course during the school day in our school's Virtual Learning Lab (VLL). Your child was selected for this program because staff believes that he/she will be successful in this environment. While the decision to use Florida Virtual (FLVS) classes district-wide originated with the class-size mandate, online learning was already commonplace in many students' educational experiences. The advantages of virtual education include self-paced learning and access to coursework which may not be available in school or accessible due to scheduling conflicts. Additionally, in many cases FLVS classes afford students the opportunity to resubmit assignments until they receive a favorable grade, an option not typically available in traditional classrooms.

FLVS courses are open 24/7 and beginning second semester, FLVS VLL teachers will typically be available from 7:20 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. every day. All FLVS teachers post their hours of availability on their announcement page, which is the first page a student accesses when they sign into their account. Students may communicate with their FLVS teachers by phone, email, or while online within their FLVS course. Since the courses are available 24/7, students may access their work from home, or the library after school and on weekends.

In order to provide more opportunities for students to get assistance from FLVS teachers in an interactive manner, FLVS has extended their live tutoring sessions through Elluminate and will offer sessions for many courses every hour of the day. These sessions are also recorded so that students can refer back to them at a later time.

Parents may register for a parent account with Florida Virtual School by going to the following website: <http://www.flvs.net/parents/Pages/ParentGuardianAccount.aspx>. The account will allow you to monitor your child's progress. If you do not have Internet access or chose not to create a parent account, FLVS issues progress reports on the 15th of each month and students will print those reports in school to bring home to you. All FLVS classes are delivered in a one semester (.5 credits) format and grades are not issued until classes are complete.

Though not for everyone, these online courses can help students move ahead with their graduation requirements, depending on how fast they complete their course. Students may also use these classes to recover credits

Sincerely,

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