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Return-to-School Plans for CVPA Taking Shape

ST. LOUIS, MO – Central Visual and Performing Arts High School (CVPA) will resume classes virtually beginning next week, on Monday, November 14th. Plans were announced Monday by Saint Louis Public Schools' (SLPS) Superintendent, Dr. Kelvin Adams.

The virtual classes will take place the week of the 14th, while administrators work to finalize plans on when and where students can return to class in person. All SLPS schools are closed the week of November 21st in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday.

"The week of virtual learning will provide us more time to finalize plans for what we know our students want, which is to be back together, in person," Dr. Adams said. "That desire was made abundantly clear during the moving performances at Sunday's 'Family Undivided' event."

Beginning this Wednesday, November 9th, COCA, a top arts education facility and longtime District partner, will house CVPA faculty and staff, allowing them to collaborate in both the virtual teaching process and to work on plans for the weeks following Thanksgiving break.

CVPA Principal, Dr. Kacy Shahid will be leading that work, with plans to get more input from parents and have a roadmap for the remainder of the year laid out prior to the break.

"I can't thank our friends at COCA enough for their help during these challenging weeks," Shahid said. "Their hospitality will allow me to have everyone in one place as I continue the process of reaching out to our families and getting their input on our next steps."

Plans for the remainder of the semester, and a return to in-person learning for CVPA, are expected to be announced prior to the Thanksgiving break.