

ADVANCING BLACK LIVES IN EDUCATION – ABLE, INC.

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Advancing Black Lives in Education – ABLE, Inc. – is an organization established by a small group of former educators, administrators, school board members, and Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) parents **specifically** to address the needs of Black children in this new virtual learning environment made necessary because of the coronavirus. We are determined that:

- **All** of our children must absolutely continue to thrive while learning virtually; and
- MCPS and other school districts must continue, and intensify, the focus on addressing existing educational inequities during this time and beyond.

ABLE is committed to being a force - a listening ear, a squeaky wheel, a source of information, and a provider of resources - to Black parents, children, and teachers to ensure that we are Advancing Black Lives in Education during these new and different times. . . and thereafter.

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We have established private groups, for Black families only, on social media platforms so that we can help each other and get resources and help to those who need them. Some of the issues that have been raised are:

- What do families need for their children to thrive and excel while learning at home?
- What concerns do parents have about virtual learning?
- Does your child have the necessary technology, internet connection, and basic supplies?
- Do you have questions about identifying or improving space for your child to "attend" school in the home or about how to create a school day routine?
- Has your child's teacher contacted you and explained how communication will take place and how to access all platforms the school district is using?
- Do you understand how the attendance policy will be applied?

We will help you find answers to these and other questions. We are passionate about making space for Black families to share experiences, to seek answers, and to support each other. We are committed to advocating on behalf of Black children and to building community. Come meet us on Facebook. . .and soon on other social media platforms.

