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Friendship Public Charter School Online Ready to Help D.C. Students Get Back on Track

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WASHINGTON--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- Friendship Public Charter School Online (**FPCSO**), a full-time, online public charter school authorized by the Public Charter School Board and serving students in grades K-8 throughout the District, is ready to kick off the new school year and give students an education option designed to help them reach their full potential. FPCSO students and teachers open their laptops to begin their exciting school year on August 23.

By combining personalized online instruction, a hands-on curriculum, and the support of highly qualified Washington, D.C. certified teachers, FPCSO helps students discover and reach their full potential.

"Last year was difficult for a lot of D.C. families, but FPCSO can provide that consistency parents need for their child's growth and education," said Tracy Sloane, Head of School. "No matter what happens next with COVID-19 and the variant, we will be here to make sure your child succeeds."

For most parents, the new school year comes with cautious optimism. Many families realized during the pandemic that attending school online is a safe alternative that allows them to focus on their child's future. According to a recent **survey by Stride, Inc.**, 91 percent of parents agree that it's important for their children to have multiple school options, including full-time online or a hybrid model that blends online and in-person learning. And almost two-thirds of parents would consider full-time online public school after their 2020 pandemic-driven virtual education experience.

Students choose online learning for a variety of reasons, including advanced learning, a bullying-free environment, and the flexibility to support extracurricular pursuits or medical needs while maintaining a focus on academics. FPCSO's online platform gives students the opportunity to pursue their academic goals in a supportive environment and at an appropriate pace for their learning style.

FPCCO is still accepting enrollments for the 2021-2022 school year. To learn more and how to enroll, visit **FPCSO**, or download the Stride K12 mobile app for iOS and Android devices - where families can enroll, prepare for the first day of school, and monitor students' academic progress throughout the school year.

About Friendship Public Charter School Online

Friendship Public Charter School Online (FPCSO) is an accredited, full-time online public school program that serves students in grades K through 8. FPCSO is available tuition-free to students in the District of Columbia and gives families the chance to access the engaging curriculum and tools provided by K12, a Stride Company (NYSE: LRN), the nation's leading provider of proprietary K-12 curriculum and online education programs. For more information about FPCSO, visit <https://fpcso.k12.com/>.

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