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To Whom It May Concern,

We understand that the COVID-19 pandemic has implications as we approach the back to school period. Many families are being faced with difficult decisions as they determine what is best for their family while deciding whether to have their loved ones affected by Sickle Cell Disease (SCD) return to in-person school. Other options families are considering include distanced learning, a hybrid of in-person and distanced learning or home schooling.

As part of your SCD team, we are here to support you. The enclosed information is a **“BACK TO SCHOOL TOOLKIT”**, we hope it will provide the guidance and support needed as you navigate this uncertain time.

The contents are as follows:

<i>SCD School Letter</i>	Give to school nurse or classroom teacher to provide information on SCD, how to support students with SCD and COVID-19 specific recommendations
<i>Release of Information</i>	Complete/give to the school to allow communication between school & Sickle Cell Team
<i>Sickle Cell Disease Association of America Position on 2020 School Reopening</i>	Use this caregiver tool to help guide your family’s decisions surrounding schooling options
<i>Tips for Returning to School After COVID-19</i>	Keep as a home resource
<i>Top 5 Ways to Cope When School is Closed</i>	Keep as a home resource

Please feel free to contact our office if we can be of further assistance or support.

Sincerely,

Sickle Cell Team
Cancer and Blood Disorders Clinic