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Greetings Saints,

As many of you know, we are on the verge of our children returning to the classroom. It is essential that we cover them in prayer. I believe the greatest form of instruction is done within the classroom. However, recent times have challenged us in ways like never before. The choice of determining if your child returns to the classroom or learns virtually weighs heavy on the minds of many. We pray that God grants wisdom to those who are at the crossroads of this crucial choice.

Faith and education are keys to our young people's success. Statistics reveal that African American children often lag behind in education due to the lack of resources. I am challenging those of you with school age children to be proactive.

Let us band together as a church and make this the finest hour when it comes to our children's future. I encourage us as a church to take on a village mentality. For those parents that are connected to a life group, small group and family group, an essential resource may be a phone call away. Within your groups maybe an educator, tutor, or some other resourceful person.

Let us use these obstacles before us and trust God to create opportunities for our children to thrive in this season. If you have not established goals for your child's education, please do so today! Here are just a few reminders of what I suggest that you do.

1. Establish the goal for your child.
2. Identify the needed resources (tutors, materials, etc.).
3. Implement a daily regimen.
4. Modify your child's diet.
5. Establish an exercise regimen.

Let us make this year a great year and remember greater is he that is within us than is within the world.

Blessings!
Pastor

