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Message from the principal:

As you all no doubt know, contact tracing plays an integral role in preventing and slowing outbreaks of COVID-19. As such, all students, teachers, and visitors will be required to download the contact tracing app Aura in order to enter the school building this year. Some things about this app:

- It will always track your location and send that information to central data servers.
- A student was able to hack those data servers almost immediately upon the app's release because of passwords "hidden" within the app's data files, giving them access to student's names, dates of birth, COVID testing history, and location history, but the developers say that's fixed now…
- The app was developed by a recruitment firm with no software development background.
- The app only works effectively if students/teachers don't come into contact with anybody outside the building ever.
- The DoE is definitely NOT going to provide you with smart devices to install this app if you don't already have one, so you'll have to buy one and a data plan for location tracking.

If you have issues with any of the above, feel free to opt in to 100% remote instruction, the only actual effective way to both prevent the spread of COVID and actually have some semblance of an education this semester. Unless you're a teacher with no pre-existing conditions; in that case, we do with you what we want. Some of you may die, but that's a sacrifice I am willing to make.