



Randolph County School System

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Parents/Guardians:

While the Randolph County School System is in the business of educating children, our first priority is the safety of our students and our employees. We are currently using data from public health agencies and the Georgia Department Education to help guide our decisions. New cases of the Coronavirus continue to rise in Georgia and it is imperative that we consider all of this information as we plan to return to school. Our district and school leaders are working extremely hard to prepare for an August 3rd, 2020 opening. Thus far, we have narrowed down our learning models to three scenarios that will help us transition successfully and safely into a new school year. A fourth scenario is included in the event the Governor orders the closing of schools. The models are as follows:

- ✓ Enhanced Traditional Plan - We would continue school as normal with enhanced safety precautions in place such as increased hand sanitizer availability, increased frequency of cleaning high touch areas, limited visitation to campuses, etc.,
- ✓ The Social Distancing/Hybrid Plan - The Social Distancing/Hybrid Plan would be a combination of distance and face-to-face instruction with increased safety and disinfecting measures as listed above.
- ✓ Safety Distance Learning Plan - If the cases of the Coronavirus continue to reach an all-time high, the students would do full distance/digital learning for the first nine-weeks then transition to a hybrid scenario (listed above).

Governor's Mandate (Fourth Scenario)

Full Distance Learning Plan- All students would use a remote learning/digital learning platform to participate in the learning of new material, continued standard pacing, interactive lessons, graded assignments, and assessments. This would be enacted if the Governor's Executive Order closes schools again due to health concerns. (If we have outbreaks of COVID-19 in specific schools, we may enact individual school closures instead of district-wide closures.)

The RCSS is also putting in place a plan for re-opening, which includes the following:

- ✓ Administrators, teachers, staff and students will be required to wear face coverings.
- ✓ The district has ordered face masks for all students that can be worn on a daily basis.
- ✓ The district has ordered instruments and devices to administer temperature checks at all schools.
- ✓ A plan for regular disinfecting of schools, devices and desks is in place for all schools.
- ✓ Specific measures for handling students who develop fevers or become ill are included in plan.
- ✓ Actions for handling a case of COVID-19 at school are included in plan.
- ✓ Guidelines for closing schools if there is a surge in Coronavirus cases are included in plan.

We are asking that you visit our district's website or one of the school's Facebook sites and complete a survey. We greatly value our parents' insight and would appreciate your input. The survey will be available from June 29 thru July 6, 2020 on the district's website (www.sowegak12.org) and all school Facebook sites.

In closing, please know that we are working extremely hard to ensure that we are preparing a safe learning environment. Our prayers continue for the health and safety of all our families, staff, and community members.

Respectfully,

Dr. Tangelo Madge

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