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Superintendent's Update April 8, 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians,

The Coronavirus has threatened all that we hold dear in our society — not only our freedom to move about, but also our sense of safety and our ability to protect the individuals we cherish. It is clear from the many phone calls I have received and the activity on social media that there is a great deal of anxiety amongst our parents, guardians, students, staff, and the community at large.

This week, I've worked with our district leaders and other educators to further develop an effective plan to continue to educate our students thereby minimizing the spread of the virus. We also ask for your patience and understanding as we travel this new territory. Our teachers and other employees are working long hours from home while dealing with this crisis.

Please know that we are here to support our students and you throughout this challenging time. Do not stress over the assigned schoolwork via distance learning or printed packets. Frustrations are high due to our circumstances, and we don't want to increase the stress on our families. We will continue to provide schoolwork in an effort to keep our students' minds moving forward, but we will also consider any necessary adjustments parents make in completing these assignments.

On April 13, 2020, all schools will have additional information on their websites with updates concerning additional academic resources and strategies the district will be utilizing to further instruction.

Again, you can contact teachers via email or call if you need help between the hours of 8:30 a.m. through 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

On another note, there are many questions about how extended school closures will impact grades, promotion, graduations and so much more. On April 7, 2020, Georgia received formal approval from the federal government to waive testing and accountability requirements for the remainder of the 2019-20 school year. No state testing – including Georgia Milestones EOGs



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and EOCs, GAA 2.0, and GKIDS – will be administered in Georgia for the rest of the school year. Additionally, there will not be a 2020 CCRPI.

The Georgia Department of Education will evaluate policies and procedures and will make recommendations to local boards of education and superintendents. Please know that we will do our best to ensure that our students and their academic achievements are protected.

For our graduates, at this time, we are postponing our May, 2020 graduation ceremony for the Randolph-Clay High School in hopes that we can reschedule at a later time this summer. We believe by postponing graduation we can continue to prioritize safety. Please know that we are looking at other options and will provide additional information as we develop a safe and effective plan to celebrate this prestigious occasion.

As always, I appreciate your patience in this unusual time. Please stay safe!

Sincerely,

Tangela Madge

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Superintendent