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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Georgia law (O.C.G.A. 20-2-319.4) allows students opportunities to take online courses. The law does not require an online course to graduate, but provides an online learning option should your student or you choose this option. In addition, Georgia law (O.C.G.A. 20-2-319.3) requires the establishment of a clearinghouse for stakeholders to find online courses and online course providers in the state of Georgia. This letter is to inform you about the key components of Georgia law and how to find online learning opportunities for your student.

- Districts must notify students and parents of online options.
- Districts must allow students to take an online course even if the course is offered in the local district.
- Online courses can be accessed through the Georgia Virtual School, local virtual schools or vendor online courses.
- If the online course is taken in lieu of any course during the regular school day, then the school will pay for the course. If an online course is chosen in addition to the regular school day or outside the school week, the parent will pay for the course.
- Parents and students can search the clearinghouse for availability to online courses, online course providers, and guidelines for what constitutes high quality online courses.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Henson", written over a white background.

Mark Henson  
Superintendent

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