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Dear Parents:

Macon County School System is committed to providing a quality education for all students. As we face these unprecedented times, we continue to work towards ensuring that our students continue to receive rigorous and engaging instruction. It is the decision of the district to begin Phase II of the school re-opening plan. This decision is based on the following:

Precautionary Principle -Schools, teachers, administrators, and parents must recognize that there is no “zero risk.” Reopening schools will require accepting that the goal is risk and harm reduction.

Layer Defenses -No one control strategy alone can limit the transmission of disease. MCSS will approach reopening with a layered defense strategy, where many small interventions and strategies are combined, simultaneously. MCSS will deploy an “all in” approach that uses every control feasible.

Share Responsibilities -Just as there is no single control strategy that is effective in and of itself, there is no single entity that is solely responsible for keeping everyone safe. Successfully reopening MCSS will require continual collaboration and ongoing cooperation between governing board, administrators, staff, teachers, parents and students. Everyone has a critical role to play.

Option 1:

- Students will return to school for Face-to-Face instruction beginning January 12, 2021.

Option 2:

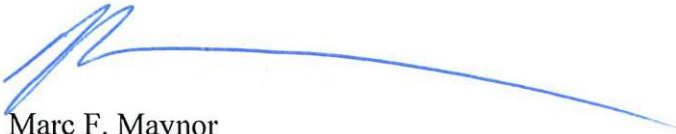
- MCSS will create an Individual Remote Learning opportunity for students in grades Pre K-12. This option is available for students who have an underlying health condition, a social or emotional condition, or other special or extenuating family circumstances that prevents them from safely returning to a face-to-face school environment due to COVID-19. This option will be learning without the teacher; it will be completely online.

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- Individual Remote Learning is also open to other interested families. The decision to enroll in Individual Remote Learning is a voluntary choice by each family. Families must commit to one grading period (9 weeks) for grades Pre K – 8 and 18 weeks for grades 9-12. A change request will be accepted after the first nine weeks.

Decision Deadline: January 6, 2021. Please contact your child's school for more information. No changes will be accepted after the deadline. **Please return the attached form to Macon County High School.** Thank you for your support as we continue to make the best decisions our students with safety first being our aim.

Sincerely,



Marc F. Maynor