

Dear Parents, Guardians, and Community Members,

We know the past four to five months have been very trying and the cause of great anxiety for you as parents and community members. Your family's health and safety are of top priority. As the superintendent of our schools, I want to assure you that your family's health and safety are my top priority as well. I know you have been waiting with great concern to see how the new school year will look. My Leadership Team and I have met multiple times to discuss the best possible way to begin school and keep everyone as safe as humanly possible. I want you to know that I appreciate everyone who took the time to fill out the survey concerning school re-opening. Your input is invaluable as we make our plans. We are all in this together.

We want to put a plan in place that will address the many different concerns for your child's education as well as the safety of all students. We understand that the students will leave our schools and return home where there are family members who are potentially at greater risk. All of these concerns are being discussed. We are also working with our local health department as well as monitoring the CDC website in order to stay informed as to the latest developments in this health crisis.

As educators, we want the best possible educational solutions for our students. Therefore, it is important to offer choices in how the students receive instruction. We will offer virtual learning for the students who are not comfortable in returning to the school setting at this time. The district curriculum and instruction team is working with the school leaders and teachers to put a plan in place so that we may serve these students and continue to ensure that learning is taking place. We will also offer face-to-face learning for the students who are comfortable in coming back to school in August. We can ensure social distancing more adequately with an A/B schedule. This schedule will be set up according to townships. Students living near Marshallville and Oglethorpe will come to school on Monday and Tuesday. Students living near Ideal and Montezuma will come to school on Thursday and Friday. Wednesday will be a day for virtual learning for all students. On the days that the students do not physically come to school, the students will participate in virtual learning. Our goal is to continue to provide quality instruction for all students.

A great deal of planning is involved in beginning the school year in a unique and unprecedented manner. Therefore, we are pushing the first day of school for students to August 24th. If you have not already done so, please notify your child's school as to which option your child will use to return to school: virtual or face-to-face. Once you have made your choice, you will not be able to change until after the first semester. We will post more information about the start-up of school in the upcoming days.

We will keep you informed as our plans continue to evolve. We will post more specific details of how we intend to keep the students as safe as possible both in the classrooms and on the school buses. These are uncertain times and we will continue to modify our schedules as needed to meet our students' and community's needs. Thank you for your patience as we work through all of the aspects of the re-opening of school. I would like to ask all of you to please keep our

community and our students in your thoughts and prayers as we begin another great school year in Macon County.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Marc F. Maynor', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Marc F. Maynor
Superintendent, Macon County School System