

SUPERINTENDENT Charlotte Seals

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Dear MCS Families,

The school year is off to a great start with in-person teaching and learning taking place throughout Madison County Schools. We are so thankful to have teachers and students together in the classroom! Our goal in transitioning to Covid-19 Protocol Level 3 nearly two weeks ago was to enable in-class instruction to continue by doing all that we can to stop the spread of illness. As you know, this level requires masks to be worn by students, staff, and all people inside our school buildings.

While the delta variant is certainly impacting our state and community, we believe that continued efforts to wash hands, watch distance, and wear masks will give us the best chance of keeping schools open and students in class. To this end, the Madison County Board of Education has decided to continue Covid-19 Protocol Level 3 for an additional 14 calendar days after which time the Board will reevaluate depending on circumstances in our area.

Our Covid-19 Protocols are designed to respond to a variety of different needs and concerns in our schools. We are pleased that the Mississippi Department of Education has added hybrid learning to available learning model options for schools to employ. While hybrid learning is a valuable tool for certain situations, at this time we feel strongly that staying on campus to the extent possible is the best course of action for our schools. I encourage you to visit our website to familiarize yourself with our Covid protocol levels.

We are hopeful that by working together to stop the spread of Covid-19 we can provide our students with as normal a school year as possible with opportunities for in-person academics, arts, and athletics. Once again, I encourage you to take advantage of vaccination for yourself and your child, if eligible. Thank you for coming together as a community to help our students stay in school.

Sincerely,

Charlotte A. Seals Superintendent

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