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Dear Parents,

Plans for fall continue to take shape as our schools prepare for the start of classes next month. Thank you for your constructive feedback and patience as we work to hone the details of school reentry plans. As educators, we know that no alternative can fully replicate the experience of face-to-face teaching and learning, but we have heard your concerns and requests for a virtual learning option during these unusual times. While our plan includes offering face-to-face, on campus teaching and learning for most students, we will also offer an opt-in virtual learning option for any student who is not ready to return to campus during the COVID-19 pandemic.

If you are interested in finding out more about this virtual learning option, please visit the Back to School Information and Guidelines section of our website where more details of the virtual learning program are posted. Parents considering the virtual program should read the MCS Virtual Learning Guidelines, Virtual Learning Academic Honesty Policy, and Virtual Learning Enrollment Form. Review these policies and guidelines very carefully before deciding to opt in for virtual learning. Students enrolled in virtual learning will be committed to the program for the entire semester. Registration for virtual learning will be open through Friday, July 24, at noon. This deadline will be firm to ensure that each school has time to prepare for high quality teaching and learning both on campus and via distance.

For students returning to campus in August, we are preparing each school with additional cleaning supplies, wipes, and hand sanitizer. Each campus is finalizing protocols to maximize social distancing and provide for the safest possible return to school for students and faculty. Please check your school's website in the coming weeks for more information on school-specific back to school safety protocols.

As details and plans develop for the school year ahead, we ask for your continued patience and understanding. The situation we are facing together is fluid. Despite the unusual circumstances of this back to school season, please rest assured that everyone in Madison County Schools is working diligently, preparing to provide excellence in education both on campus and virtually.

Sincerely,

Charlotte A. Seals  
Superintendent  
Madison County Schools