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Dear Parents,

As the Coronavirus continues to spread across the world, we at Madison County Schools remain in close communication with the Mississippi Department of Health(MSDH) and Mississippi Department of Education to ensure that we are responding appropriately. Madison County Schools is following newly issued guidelines from the MSDH to do our part to prevent the spread of the virus.

As recommended by the MSDH, all school-related non-essential gatherings of 250 people or more will be cancelled or postponed effective immediately through April 30. This timeframe could be extended should recommendations change. These types of gatherings include assemblies, field trips, dances, and all other such activities. We are working with the MHSAA to determine the best means to handle athletic events, and as soon as a decision is made in conjunction with the activities association we will communicate further.

When classes resume on Monday, school lunchtime will be modified to prevent large gatherings of students in the cafeteria. In light of the pandemic illness, we are also reviewing our attendance policy and plan to lift the perfect attendance provision concerning exam exemption. While policy change does not happen overnight, rest assured that the extenuating circumstances of this pandemic are top of mind. If your child is sick, please keep him or her home from school. The health and safety of our students is our very top priority.

We remain alert to the guidance of the experts at the MSDH as we respond to this very fluid situation.

Thank you for entrusting the education of your children to Madison County Schools.

Sincerely,

Charlotte A. Seals Superintendent

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