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Dear Parents,

After much thoughtful and careful deliberation, Madison County Schools is planning an in-person return to school for the fall semester. To make this return to school possible as we adjust to new health and safety guidelines, the schedule will be modified on August 6-13. Students will alternate days of coming to school with days of distance learning activities. All students will participate in distance learning on August 14. Starting on August 17 and for the remainder of the semester, all students will be present for face-to-face instruction. Look for more information from your child's school regarding specific details of this schedule closer to the start of school.

This adjusted schedule will allow teachers the opportunity to get to know their students in person during on-campus days, and distance learning days will provide important practice should conditions require that the District or individual schools move to a virtual learning model. This modified back-to-school schedule will help everyone adjust to new health and safety procedures prior to a District-wide return to on-campus teaching and learning on August 17.

In addition to in-person instruction, a distance learning option will be provided for any student with a medical or health issue that prevents him or her from attending traditional school during the COVID-19 pandemic. More details are forthcoming regarding this option.

When we return to school, new health and safety guidelines will be in place on all of our campuses. Current plans include required face coverings, at all times practicable, for students and staff at school and on buses. Students should plan to bring their own face coverings to school, but each campus will have some available as well. Plans also include possible temperature checks on campus, but these checks are no substitute for parents assessing each child's wellbeing before the school day begins. If there is any doubt about your child's health, please do not send him or her to school. Please refer to our website for a complete list of current District health and safety plans and guidelines.

Please also be aware that current plans are subject to change pending orders of the Governor and guidelines of the Mississippi Department of Health. We continue to operate in uncertain times and are thankful for your patience and cooperation as we work to do what we believe is in the best interest of our students, families, and community.

Sincerely,

Charlotte A. Seals
Superintendent
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