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As we return to school this semester, we continue to be faced with many challenges because of the presence of COVID19 in our district, county and state. However, we plan to open school on Wednesday, January 20, 2021 with the option of two schedules: 1) face to face instruction and 2) virtual instruction. We urge you to continue to use the schedule that your child participated in prior to the recent winter break. This process allows for students to be exposed only to the same persons without introduction of new persons to the classrooms and it could help to prevent the spread of the virus. The district will continue to plan and make decisions based on guiding principles to make the return to school as smooth as possible for our students, faculty and staff. We will do, to the best of our ability,

- Be clear about what we can control and what is outside of our control
- Be equitable and center decisions on what we think is best for all students, families, faculty and staff
- Put safety first, using data and public health information from DHEC, CDC and the Department of Education, along with county statistics and information.

The district will continue to adhere to the following as we reopen school this semester:

- Face mask coverings required for everyone – face shields are permissible for students, faculty and staff
- Temperature checks required for everyone - visitors, parents, administrators and anyone who enters the buildings
- Social distancing of six feet to the extent possible
- All students riding the bus must have a mask on prior to boarding the bus
- Breakfast/lunch continues to require social distancing and shields must be used in the cafeteria to separate students while eating
- Hand hygiene must be implemented at all times, all day and during the class period, after restroom breaks, before and after lunch, and during classroom participation
- Teachers will continue to use wipes to keep the room sanitized to the extent possible
- All hallways, classrooms, cafeteria, media centers, restrooms, nurses stations and offices must be sanitized daily and as often as possible
- Nurses will constantly monitor students, faculty and staff. Should a person experience symptoms, the nurse will monitor and determine the next step and advise the proper administrator of information which may involve isolating students, informing parents and checking temperatures
- Any person, students, faculty or staff must report information to the school nurse if they have tested positive for the virus. All proper steps will be taken in order to ensure safety of each person.
- To return to school after illness, persons must have used home isolation until the criteria for returning to school has been met. Any person showing symptoms must report their symptoms and must not be present in school. Please inform the school nurse of any symptoms.

Athletic events will involve only the athletic teams. For the safety of the students, it has been recommended to allow only the athletic team to travel to and participate in athletic events. The teams will only play seven (7) games for the remainder of this school year. The games will be live streamed.