

October 15, 2020

Dear Parents,

As you know, our school system will be transitioning from Plan B to Plan A on October 19 for students in grades K-5 with the option for families to continue remote learning under Plan C. Students attending school under Plan A will follow the same health and safety procedures as in Plan B with social distancing recommended but not required in classrooms and on buses.

We are extremely excited to have a significant number of students returning to our schools for face-to-face instruction. With this transition comes important reminders. As the school system moves to implement Plan A for grades K-5, we will continue to make every attempt to social distance students as much as possible while continuing to require daily health screenings and temperature checks, wearing masks, and disinfection procedures. If your child is returning to school for the first time next week, please remember that all students are required to wear a cloth face covering, practice social distancing, have their temperature checked, and meet the requirements of daily health screenings for symptoms.

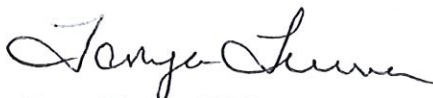
If your child rides the bus, please make sure you have received the bus attestation tickets from your child's school. These tickets are for parents to use to self-screen your child's health each day before riding the bus to affirm your child is fever free and symptom free. Ensuring your child's ticket is completed and ready to give to the bus driver each morning will allow the bus driver to continue the route without having to screen your child. All children will continue to be screened at the school as an additional safety precaution.

Under Plan A, K-5 will have more students in the classroom and on the buses. This means that it is especially important to monitor your child to ensure he/she is symptom free. If a child comes to school with symptoms and tests positive, this could result in numerous students having to quarantine. By working together and everyone doing their part, we can minimize the chances of this happening.

If your child has any symptoms, please do not send him/her to school. It is better to call school and let them know your child will be participating remotely due to symptoms. By doing this, your child can participate, complete class work remotely and will not be counted absent. Parents have done an excellent job of keeping their children home when symptoms have emerged. This precaution has allowed us to prevent spread and keep the doors of our schools open.

The school system has collaborated with Albemarle Regional Health Services (ARHS) regarding these plans to ensure that our practices and procedures are practical and as safe as possible for our students, faculty and staff. Data supports increasing the face-to-face instructional time included in these plans for all of our students and is a positive move for what is best for children. The school system recognizes that the success of Plan B and the future success of Plan A is due to the hard work and dedication of our teachers, staff, and the strong support of our families and the guidance given to us by ARHS. Our success in reopening is dependent on parents following the guidelines and ensuring the health and well-being of their children when they come to school.

Thank you for your continued support as we move forward!



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