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Board Adopts October 26 as Start of Phase 4 for Return-to-Campus Plan

Final phase in gradual return plan still part of hybrid learning model

HENRY COUNTY, GA – The Henry County Board of Education voted during their Special Called Meeting on Monday, October 19 to set October 26 as the start date for Phase 4 of the Return-to-Campus Plan. This is the final phase of the board-approved hybrid learning plan which gives families the option of remote or on-campus learning for their students.

Henry County Schools entered Phase 1 of the plan on Monday, September 14, and the district welcomed all regular education students back to campus in a split schedule two weeks later on September 28. Students receiving special education services in a self-contained program were allowed to return to campus five days a week starting in Phase 2.

All Pre-K through 8th-grade students were allowed to return five days a week starting October 5, while high school students remained on a split schedule until a date was agreed on by the board.

Utilizing the current health metrics in the county and within the school district along with a healthcare official-approved plan, Superintendent Mary Elizabeth Davis presented an option to proceed forward with Phase 4 on Monday, October 26. High school students choosing on-campus learning will now be able to return to the school building five days a week.

“Our numbers continue to be well below the threshold that has been set to indicate unfavorable conditions in our county,” said Davis. “We continue to be aware of the health metrics and have gone so far as to make them publicly available to our community members. Our purpose with this final phase of returning to our campuses is to allow for that full-week return for high school students choosing to learn on campus. Students wanting to remain remote will continue to have that option.”

Henry County Schools will continue to provide a hybrid-learning option for all families in the district. Families selecting one option or the other can change their mind after their initial selection, but district officials encourage families to stick with their selection for an extended period to ensure stability for their child’s learning.

Initial selections by families showed that just over 36 percent opted to return their children to on-campus learning and 64 percent chose to keep their children learning in a remote environment. This means just over 15,000 students have returned to a Henry County Schools building.

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