



# *Tussahaw Elementary School*

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Tussahaw Families,

As most of you know, the Board of Education met to continue the conversation regarding a gradual and staggered return of students to the school building. A timeline for each phase of returning to school was shared and voted on by the Board. [Click here](#) to view the Board meeting from August 31, 2020. I want to summarize and clarify a few pertinent points of discussion in the spirit of transparency.

## **Gradual Return of Students by Phases:**

By September 14, 2020, Henry County Schools (HCS) will implement Phase 1 of Students' Gradual Return plan. Phase I encompasses school-based employees returning to school. In addition to employees returning, employees' school-aged children will be able to return to campus with their parents during this time.

Beginning the week of September 28, HCS will enter Phase 2 of Students' Gradual Return plan. On Monday and Tuesday of that week, students with the last name beginning with letters A through M will attend Orientation at the school, while other students are engaged virtually from home. On Thursday and Friday of that week, students with the last name beginning with letters N through Z will attend Orientation at the school, while other students are engaged in work virtually from home. Wednesday of this week will be used to sanitize the building and debrief with staff. Students served in ESE self-contained programs will return to on-campus learning and continue through all phases.

On October 5, all elementary schools will welcome students whose parents selected their child's option to return to on-campus learning. Please know that a Remote Learning option will always be available to students throughout all phases. [Click here](#) to access the Return to School Campus Matrix for additional details of each phase.

## **Directions for Selecting Student Learning Option**

In preparation for students' gradual return to campus, families must select between remote learning and on-campus learning. The selection window is now open and will close on September 9, 2020. A parent or guardian must be the person completing the survey. You can access the Selection Form by logging into your child's [Infinite Campus Parent Portal](#). If parents or guardians do not have a Parent Portal account, they can create one by [clicking here](#). [Click here](#) for screenshots that will help you navigate the survey.

## **Keep Henry Healthy**

Henry County Schools is committed to keeping children and staff safe and healthy. As such, we will continue to track the numbers of COVID-19 cases in our county with the Department of



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Public Health partnership. We understand that some families may choose for their children to remain remote, but I wanted to let our families know that numbers are being tracked and shared on our district website. You can stay abreast of these numbers by [clicking here](#). Additionally, for students returning on campus, masks are required on all HCS buses and HCS campuses. Mask down zones will be implemented during eating/drinking, physical activity, or instructional settings when deemed appropriate.

### **Coming to You Soon**

Each school is currently working on a Local School Playbook to share with families. The Playbook will outline arrival and dismissal procedures, instruction, breakfast and lunch, transitions within the building, COVID-19 response procedures, etc. Social and responsible distancing guidelines will be practiced in all areas of campus. Please know that the After School Enrichment Program will be offered to families, and we are awaiting confirmation from the county regarding a start date.

Please know that we value our partnership with our families and are confident we will get through these transitions and phases together. We also realize you are receiving a plethora of information, so please do not hesitate to reach out to your school or administrative team if you have questions.

Sincerely,

Dr. Jocelyn Lakani-Jones  
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