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Henry County Schools Families,

We are reaching out to all families to provide an update ahead of the planned date for allowing on-campus learning to resume.

After reviewing all current health conditions in the county with the support and guidance of Georgia Department of Public Health District 4 officials, Piedmont Henry Hospital executives, and county emergency management agency officials, and with the full support of the Henry County Board of Education, Henry County Schools will extend remote learning for all students through Friday, February 5.

On Monday, February 8, Henry County Schools will follow Phase 2 of the Gradual and Staggered Return Plan with one modification as noted below:

- Students and families opting to return to on-campus learning with the last names beginning with the letter A through M would attend school on Monday, February 8, and Tuesday, February 9.
- Students and families opting to return to on-campus learning with the last names beginning with the letter N through Z would attend school on **Wednesday, February 10, and Thursday, February 11. *Wednesdays were once designated as full remote learning days for Phase 2. That remote learning day for students now moves to Fridays under Phase 2.*
- Students served in Self-Contained Programs returning to on-campus learning will be able to attend Monday through Thursday the week of February 8-11, but return to 5-day weeks starting Monday, February 22.
- Friday, February 12 is currently planned as a teacher workday with no student learning taking place on campus or remotely.

Current plans call for Phase 3 starting on Monday, March 1, and Phase 4 starting on Monday, March 8. For a reminder on what is incorporated in each phase, visit our district website and click on the SY20-21 Modifications link on the left side of the page. There you will find the Plan to Return to On-Campus Learning.

As you know, a decision such as this is not made in isolation, and like similar critical decisions made during this pandemic, we are confident in the sound collaboration with trusted partners and experts. With the board of education and our invaluable community partners all playing an important role in our return efforts, we feel confident in the decisions made to support learning while also making every effort to provide heightened mitigation efforts to limit and reduce the spread of COVID-19 and its impact on our county.

Thank you as always for your support and understanding during these complex times.

Sincerely,



Mary Elizabeth Davis