

BACK together

August 31, 2020

Dear Shelby County Community,

We are pleased to say we have successfully completed two weeks of school as we re-opened in the "Cautious Together" phase. District leaders have been monitoring the positivity rate of COVID-19 cases in our schools and we feel our mitigation efforts have been working.

As a result of our low percentage of cases, **beginning Monday, September 14**, traditional learners in Shelby County Schools will transition "**Back Together**" for 5 days a week of in-person instruction. We will continue to implement mitigation strategies that are currently in place to the extent possible. Masks will still be required, as we will follow the state ordinance put in place by Governor Ivey. Although we won't be able to ensure social distancing once all students are back on campus, we will continue to strive to implement guidance from the Alabama Department of Public Health.

Remote instruction will still be an option for all students. If your child has been participating in the traditional option, yet **you would like to change to the remote option** due to the transition of 5 days a week in-person, **please notify your school's principal by Friday, September 4, 2020**.

Our plan is as follows:

- Monday, **September 7**: All schools and offices will be closed to observe Labor Day.
- Tuesday, **September 8** and Wednesday, **September 9**: Students whose last name begins with letters **A-J** will attend in-person with eLearning instituted the remaining 2 days of the week.
- Thursday, **September 10** and Friday, **September 11**: Students whose last name begins with letters **K-Z** will attend in-person instruction with eLearning instituted the remaining 2 days of the week.
- Monday, **September 14**: All students in the traditional option will return to campus 5 days a week for in-person instruction.

We will continue to monitor the spread of the virus as we want to keep our students and staff safe. Thank you for your willingness to be flexible and supportive during this unprecedented pandemic.

Sincerely,



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Superintendent
Shelby County Schools