



Social Circle City Schools

Serving Community & Cultivating Success

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Dear SCCS Families,

We sincerely appreciate your flexibility with us as we navigate the challenges that the COVID-19 pandemic has presented. Our staff members were excited to see the students who returned to classrooms today. However, additional staff members, including our bus managers notified us this morning that they are symptomatic or have been exposed to a COVID-19 positive individual. This increase in unavailable staff members requires us to return to a **remote only instructional model** for Tuesday, January 12, - Friday, January 15. Monday, January 18, is Martin Luther King Jr. Day and it is a holiday for all students and staff members. We plan to provide **face-to-face and remote learning options beginning again on Tuesday, January 19**. We will continue to carefully monitor our county and neighboring areas COVID-19 rates through the Georgia Department of Public Health and consult with our local health care experts regarding the current conditions in our area. We will notify you of any needed future adjustments to our instructional model as soon as possible.

We appreciate that many of our families prefer the face-to-face option for their children and are committed to only switching to full remote learning in instances where we are not able to ensure the safety of our students and staff. We sincerely apologize for any inconvenience that the change in instructional delivery models will cause your family. If you do not feel comfortable sending your child(ren) to school for face-to-face learning during this time, please contact the principal. Principals will work with staff members and families to coordinate remote learning opportunities as needed.

A new strain of the virus has reached Georgia. This strain is reported to be even more contagious while less lethal than the more prevalent strain. This new challenge requires that we must become even more vigilant in our practices in order to keep our schools safe and open for face-to-face learning. We must renew our commitment to wearing masks when social distancing is not possible, staying home when we are sick, and sanitizing hands regularly. If your family has been exposed to a COVID positive individual or [someone experiencing symptoms](#) please contact your child's principal and our Lead Nurse, Joyce Dieringer, at Joyce.dieringer@socialcircleschools.org. Following these guidelines will assist us to provide safe and engaging face-to-face and remote learning educational opportunities.

Sincerely,

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