

February 23, 2021

Dear Fayette County Public Schools families:

There are smiles behind our masks today! Our first two days back to in-person learning for our kindergarten, first, and second grade students have been wonderful. Students and staff are excited to be together on campus and have embraced health and safety procedures.

The number of new COVID-19 cases in Fayette County continues to decline, and according to the Lexington-Fayette County Health Department, today's seven-day average is down to 83. Together with the other transition factors in the FCPS In-Person Learning Matrix, this data enables us to continue our graduated return to in-person learning. As we return to campus, remote learning will continue to be offered for students whose families chose that option.

We are excited to share:

The week of March 1-5

- **Students in grades K, 1, and 2 will continue with face-to-face instruction.**

Beginning March 3

- **Students in grades 3, 4, and 5 will return to in-person learning.**

Beginning March 8

- Students in grades K, 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 will continue with face-to-face instruction.
- **Students in grades 6, 9, and 12 at the following schools will return to in-person learning:**

MIDDLE SCHOOLS		
Beaumont	Bryan Station	Crawford
Edythe J. Hayes	Jessie Clark	Leestown
LTMS	Morton	SCAPA at Bluegrass
Southern	Tates Creek	Winburn
HIGH SCHOOLS		
Bryan Station	Frederick Douglass	Henry Clay
Lafayette	Paul Laurence Dunbar	Tates Creek

- **At this time, students who attend Eastside Technical, Locust Trace AgriScience, and Southside Technical centers will report to their home high schools for the entire day.**

Beginning March 15

- **Preschool students will return to in-person learning.**
- Students in grades K, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9, and 12 will continue with face-to-face instruction.
- **Students in grades 7, 8, 10, and 11 at the following schools will return to in-person learning:**

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Beaumont	Bryan Station	Crawford
Edythe J. Hayes	Jessie Clark	Leestown
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Please note that these determinations are based on expectations that the spread of COVID-19 will continue to decrease. Cases among students or staff could lead to intermittent quarantines or closures of individual classrooms or schools.

We continue to face challenges with having enough school bus drivers to serve the students enrolled in special programs at the middle and high school levels. Teachers and leaders from those programs are making individual contacts with families who have chosen in-person learning for their students to determine transportation needs and find solutions.

- **We hope to make an announcement prior to March 15. In the meantime, these special programs will continue to learn virtually:**

SPECIAL PROGRAMS	
Carter G. Woodson Academy	Family Care Center
Martin Luther King Academy	Opportunity Middle College
STEAM Academy	Success Academy
The Learning Center	The Stables

Thank you for your patience and support as we navigate these challenging circumstances. If you have any questions about how these announcements will impact your family, please reach out to the principal at your child's school.

We look forward to welcoming all of our students whose families selected in-person learning back into the building as we move through the rest of these transitions onto campus.

Sincerely,

Marlene Helm,
Acting Superintendent of Fayette County Public Schools