

Dear Henry Clay High School Families:

As we begin week three of the new school year, I hope everyone is off to a good start. I know there have been a few technical difficulties. We will continue to work those out on our end. If you are experiencing any problems accessing your child's FCPS account, or if you need technical support with a Chromebook, please call FCPS Tech Support at (859) 381-4410. Also, feel free to call the school between 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. at (859) 381-3423 for assistance with any school-related issues.

Student participation in both Zoom class meetings and assignment completion has been excellent. This is great news; however, teachers struggle with getting some students to turn on their video when Zooming. While it is not required, our teachers would love to see your child's smiling face during synchronous instruction time. It will also benefit our staff to be able to recognize students when we return to in-person school. As a father of four students who are participating in daily Zoom meetings with their teachers, I am respectfully asking you to encourage your child to turn on their video during class time. However, I do understand that there are circumstances that would make your child or you uncomfortable with turning on the video. If this is true for your situation, then please disregard my request.

Our School Based Decision Making (SBDM) committee is currently going through the process of updating our policies. The overriding goal of each SBDM policy is to increase student achievement. You can access our current policies and the tentative revision schedule by clicking the SBDM button under Popular Links on the school website, <http://www.henryclay.fcps.net>. Within the SBDM page, you can access council member email addresses if you want to share any input regarding policy updates.

Lastly, I want to reiterate how valuable I believe the new social and emotional learning class will be for your child now and in their future. This class occurs once a week on Wednesday mornings. Research shows a high emotional quotient (EQ) is a greater factor in both personal and professional lifelong success than a high intelligence quotient (IQ). Please continue encouraging your child to take advantage of this opportunity to help them cultivate and maintain a high EQ.

Thank you for your support,

Paul Little Jr.

Principal, Henry Clay High School