



January 2, 2019

Welcome to the second half! With winter break behind us, we officially begin the second semester of the 2018-19 school year.

I hope everyone had a wonderful time with loved ones over the past two weeks. We look forward to having all of our students and staff back on campus beginning Thursday, January 3, 2019.

Anyone who had an opportunity to watch the University of Kentucky's victory in the Citrus Bowl yesterday can attest to the importance of maintaining a strong effort in the second half. Although winter break provided much deserved downtime, it's critical that we enter the second semester refreshed and recharged to meet our mission of ensuring all students achieve at high levels and graduate prepared to excel in a global society.

Our efforts to build excellent student opportunities, excellent staff, excellent schools, excellent supports and excellent relationships are just as important over the next five months as they were in August.



Helping every child reach his or her unlimited potential requires an uncommon effort from each and every one of our employees, and a firm commitment to work in partnership with our families. I know we are up for the challenge and I'm excited about the year ahead!

Your Partner,

Manny Caulk
Fayette County Public Schools Superintendent

In Case You Missed It

In December we released an update on the progress made on the Comprehensive 10-Point Safety Investment Plan, which addresses school climate and culture, social emotional learning, planning, prevention, training, communication, physical and mental well-being, as well as facility upgrades.

Stay up-to-date by:

- Reviewing **monthly updates** shared with the Fayette County Board of Education.
- Monitoring progress with our **online status tracker**.
- Reading this **update** from the superintendent.

Do You Have Our App?

Be one of the first to know about school closings or delays and get all the latest information, right on your phone! Download the FREE FCPS KY app from the app store or Google Play. When you open it, say yes to push notifications and select the schools you want to follow.

Being in-the-know has never been easier!



When the Weather Outside is Frightful

When winter weather hits, FCPS may close school, delay the start of school or dismiss early as the situation requires. The safety of our students is always our top priority. Learn more about our wintry weather response options [here](#).

Important Dates



Mark Your Calendars!

- Thursday, January 3, 2019: Classes resume
- Monday, January 21, 2019: Martin Luther King Jr. Day; schools and offices closed
- Monday, February 18, 2019: Presidents Day; schools and offices closed

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