

# FAYETTE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

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Dear Fayette County Board of Education Family,

I hope you enjoyed the summer months!

I commend each and every one who attended summer sessions and gave their best effort daily. To our teachers and staff, THANK YOU! You have worked tirelessly this year for the betterment of our students and your efforts are appreciated.

We now turn our attention towards the 2023-2024 school year. My goal is to have as normal a school year as possible. However, please understand that while we are in a much better place than we were a few years ago at this time, we are still adjusting and closing achievement gaps caused by the pandemic. There is always a chance we would have to adjust our policies and procedures accordingly.

I have outlined several parts of our back-to-school plan below. Please read each section for specifics. Reach out to us or to your local school should you have questions.

We look forward to seeing you soon.

Sincerely,

Jim Burkhalter, Superintendent

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### Wellness

#### Social Distancing

- Students and staff will respect personal space in all school areas and activities
- Visitors allowed on a pre-approved basis for certain scheduled events

#### Vaccinations

- All eligible students and staff members are encouraged to be vaccinated against COVID-19

#### Cleaning and Hygiene

- All school areas will be cleaned and disinfected daily
- Cleaning schedules adjusted to clean and disinfect common areas on a more frequent basis
- Hand washing and hygiene routines will reviewed with students and staff

#### On the Bus

- Buses will be cleaned and disinfected after bus routes

#### Breakfast/Lunch

- Schedules will be created to provide greater personal space during meal service
- Surfaces will be sanitized between meal service times

#### Health Services

- Students should be fever-free (less than 100 degrees Fahrenheit) without the use of fever-reducing medication for 24 hours before returning to school

### Athletics

- We will follow all ADPH and AHSAA policies in regards to capacity, social distancing, etc.

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### Instructional Options

#### Traditional

- On-Campus Learning
- Five days per week following the Fayette County School District (FCSD) Calendar
- Taught by FCSD teacher

#### Virtual School

- Offered for students in Grades 9-12 only
- Classes taught through ACCESS
- Virtual school is different from "Remote Learning" that took place in 2020-2021
- Should be considered a long-term option

*Parents of school in grades 9 - 12 will choose traditional or virtual school as they complete the registration process. Students will have to meet all criteria and requirements for acceptance in ACCESS.*

### Devices and Technology

- All students will be provided a Chromebook and/or a tablet
- Devices will be checked out to students each day at the beginning of each class on an as needed basis and will remain on campus
- Google Classroom will be used to facilitate technology engagement in the traditional school model including instructional support, communication, and collaboration with students and parents
- FCSD students attending virtual school through ACCESS will be provided with a device for checkout