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Dear Parents of Quitman County,

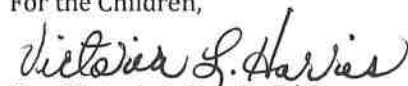
The district has been closely monitoring the increase in the number of COVID-19 cases. We are extremely concerned about the spike in cases in and around Quitman County. As a result, our district leaders have surveyed and/or met with parents, community leaders, staff and Board of Education members to gather input concerning opening schools. As a result of those meetings, surveys, data presented from local health officials, Georgia's Path to Recovery for K-12 Guidance, CDC recommendations and meetings with several Georgia Department of Education leaders, we have decided that opening school virtually for the first forty-five days of school will be most beneficial for our district at this time. The safety of our students and staff is our number one priority. Plans are in progress to offer an option to parents for Phase II of reopening. As a reminder, Phase II (Hybrid Model) will offer you an opportunity to select In-Person instruction for your child or continue with the Virtual Learning Model. This plan is scheduled to begin October 19, 2020. During the first forty-five day window, we will continue to monitor the data and will adjust plans accordingly.

While I am disappointed that our students will not be returning to the school buildings in person in August, I can assure you that our staff is working hard to provide the best virtual learning experience for the students of the Quitman County School System. Since our initial closure in March, our district leaders and teachers have made major improvements to our virtual learning program. Our faculty and staff have been working hard to roll out plans that will be parent and student friendly. There will be a system wide platform that we will use that will provide a strong standards-based curriculum, which keeps the pace with the scope and sequence of a traditional classroom setting. We have also put layers of support in place to help teachers, students and parents address technology needs. We will be working with individual families that may be experiencing technology issues. It will be important that you inform the district if you have any type of connectivity issues.

Virtual classes will begin August 3, 2020. Please send updated information (phone numbers and addresses) to the school so that we may easily communicate with you. We will be releasing pick up times for devices as well as other important information. We are asking our families to please continue to check our district webpage, Facebook page, listen out for automated calls and mailed correspondence. Our goal is to keep you all well informed as we navigate the challenges of this Global Pandemic.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to any of our district leaders if you have questions or concerns. We want to address you concerns.

For the Children,



Mrs. Victoria L. Harris, Ed.S.
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