

# School Reopening - October 19, 2020



Dear Randolph Families:

Living through this global pandemic continues to be challenging for us all. As always, the Randolph County School system prioritizes safety as we continue to provide a quality education for our students. Over the last few months, the Randolph County School System has worked diligently to study, assess, and adhere to the guidance from national, state, and local officials concerning the impact of COVID-19. We have also sought to get input from parents and other stakeholders in our planning efforts to reopen schools.

Keeping our students and staff safe is our top priority. The survey we sent out to parents clearly indicated that the majority of Randolph families want an in-person instructional model. However, due to the nature of the virus, at any given time, the in-person option might have to be modified and if necessary, temporarily suspended. We know that there is a strong possibility that there will be intermittent periods where virtual learning for all students will be employed. If there are confirmed cases of COVID-19 among staff or students, the decision to alter in-person learning will be made in consultation with the health department. In the event that a school, or all schools within the district, are in need of closing in order to clean and sanitize, we must all be prepared to convert to remote instruction on what may be sudden notice that could last multiple days up to a week or more. We recognize that this produces a great deal of difficulty and challenges for our families, but we want to be as transparent as possible knowing that there is a very real potential for this to occur.

As we reopen schools, we aim to keep you informed. We want to stress that students who have chosen to learn remotely/virtually, will have full access to the classroom. Learning will directly mimic the in-person learning taking place in the schools. Also, please visit our school's and district's web pages for additional information. The transportation routes have not changed. If you have any transportation concerns, please contact Mr. David Prince, Director of Transportation, at (912) 310-9692.

Thank you so much for your understanding, cooperation, and support during these challenging times.

Sincerely,  
*Tangela Madge, Ed.D.*

