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Launching The 2021-22 School Year

In preparation for the 2021-22 school year, Rhea County has developed a plan to ensure that our schools are moving forward with our goal of effectively and consistently educating our students.

As always, we will continue to consult with the Rhea County Health Department and to review guidance from the Tennessee Department of Education and the Tennessee Department of Health. If circumstances related to COVID-19 change, we will respond promptly in coordination with these agencies.

However, at this time our expectation is that the COVID-19 restrictions implemented a year ago will not be in place for the 2021-22 school year. Specifically, this means that:

- Masks will not be required for students, teachers or employees, although they will be allowed at each individual's discretion;
- Rhea County Schools will not conduct contact tracing;
- Visitors will be allowed in schools according to each individual school's policy; and
- Extracurricular activities and field trips will be allowed.

Please note that Rhea County Schools will continue to make use of Chromebooks provided to all K-12 students through the district's 1:1 initiative.