



# PICKENS COUNTY SCHOOLS

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*INSPIRING ETHICAL LEADERS...ONE CHILD AT A TIME*

*Janice Chapman, Superintendent*

April 3, 2020

To Students, Parents, and Community Members:

As you all know, based on the recommendations of the Alabama State Department of Education Superintendent (ALSDE), Dr. Eric Mackey and Governor Kay Ivey, by Executive Order, closed all schools in the State of Alabama for the remainder of the school year due to the COVID-19 pandemic. In that order, she directed all schools to offer non-traditional instruction beginning Monday, April 6, 2020. The ALSDE directed all Local Education Agencies (LEA) to develop a Academic Continuity Plan. The Pickens County Academic Continuity Plan was approved last night.

Our Central Office staff has developed grade level student instructional packets for the Pickens County School District. These packets follow the recommendations of the ALSDE. These packets will be available at our local schools on:

- Monday, April 6, 2020 – Tuesday, April 7, 2020 from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. each day.

Students who are already using online instruction via ACCESS, Edgenuity, and Dual Enrollment courses will continue to use these online options.

The student instructional packets have a label on them. Please use the labels on the packets to include the student name, grade, and teacher information. Packets can be returned on the following days/times:

- Wednesday, April 29, 2020 from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
- Thursday, April 30, 2020 from 2:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.
- Friday, May 1, 2020 from 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

All school buildings and offices will be closed to students and the general public. Employees who come in our buildings will be screened by a healthcare worker.

Teachers and Staff will began contacting you and your students on Wednesday, April 8, 2020 to offer guidance and assistance. Teachers, staff, and administrators will be available for any questions Monday – Friday from 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. via phone, email, text messages and other communications. They will not attempt to contact you after 7:00 p.m. Our administrative offices will be open on Mondays and Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. If this communication is not occurring, please contact your principal with up-to-date contact information. Working parents who need after hours communication should let teachers and administrators know their preferred contact hours.

The Child Nutrition Department will begin serving meals to ANY child 18 and under on Monday, April 6, 2020 – Monday, May 18, 2020 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. by the week.....**MONDAYS ONLY**. This will be curbside pick-up **ONLY**. The child must be present to receive meals. Each package will contain five (5) breakfast servings and five (5) lunch servings per child. Please notify the Child Nutrition Staff of any nut allergy when picking up packages. **SOCIAL DISTANCING** will be **ENFORCED** at all times. The sites for pick-ups are: Aliceville Elementary Cafeteria, Gordo High Cafeteria, and Pickens County High Cafeteria.

If guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) or Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH) effect the packet return plan and meal pick-ups, we will notify you of the needed changes. We will continue to follow ALL CDC and ADPH regulations.

We ask that you please follow all of the recommended guidelines as well.

- Wash your hands
- Practice social distancing
- Cover your cough
- Stay at home as much as possible.

I pray a hedge of protection for our county, state, and nation. I pray for our health and safety during this time. I hope you pray daily for God's grace and protection. May God Bless Us ALL!!

Sincerely,



Jamie Chapman