



# Randolph County School System

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Dear Parents and Guardians:

Please be assured that our top priority is to maintain a safe and healthy school environment. With the Coronavirus (COVID-19) increasing its presence in the Randolph Community and Schools, we feel that it is imperative that we close school on Friday, January 14<sup>th</sup>, to do a deep cleaning of our buildings and busses. Prior to going home for the winter break, we had no reported cases in our schools and according to the Randolph County Health Department, two weeks prior to the Christmas holidays, there were no cases in the county. Since we returned from the winter break, we are seeing cases on a daily basis, which clearly indicates that the virus is spreading at a rapid rate. Although the rate has increased, we are not at the level where we need to close school. We have put a tremendous amount of resources in place to keep our students, faculty, and staff safe. However, we cannot do this alone. We need your help. Our students have suffered a tremendous learning loss due to the pandemic and research has shown that students tend to do better with face-to-face instruction. The majority of Georgia's schools are still open and we are hoping to keep the doors of the Randolph County School System open as well.

On tomorrow afternoon, students will be given meals for breakfast and lunch to take home. Therefore, we will not be delivering meals on Friday. If your child(ren) are not at school to retrieve their meals, you may pick them up on Friday from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. at Randolph-Clay High School or Randolph County Elementary School. Also, there will be no virtual learning on Friday.

Again, we need everyone to do their part when it comes to keeping the Randolph County Community and Schools safe. The best way to assist is to adhere to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines. If your child(ren) have flu-like symptoms or do not feel well, we are asking that you keep them home and have them tested for COVID-19. This is for their safety and the safety of others.

Together, we can keep the Randolph County Community and Schools a healthy and safe environment.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Warm regards,

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Superintendent