

Call Out for September 3, 2021

This is Richard Dennis, Superintendent of Elmore County Public Schools.

26 employees and 254 students have tested positive for COVID-19 over the past week. Wetumpka High School shifted to a virtual platform due to the number of employee absences and unfilled substitute positions which compromised the operation of the school.

Extracurricular activities will continue for all schools unless COVID numbers and other illnesses require the activity to be postponed. We will continue to work to keep schools open to provide in-person instruction and as many of the regular programs and activities as possible. To do this we need your help. If your child has symptoms, please keep your child at home. This is especially important for the elementary schools where masks are not required and whole classes are impacted.

Although students are receiving free breakfast and lunch meals this year, it is **CRITICALLY IMPORTANT** for all households to complete a meal application to ensure school funding and student eligibility for benefits such as P-EBT, reduced ACT/SAT/AP/dual enrollment fees, etc. Federal funds are allocated directly to schools based on the free/reduced student percentage. You may return paper forms or complete the online application at [www.myschoolapps.com](http://www.myschoolapps.com). If you have any questions, contact your student's school.

Finally, if you would prefer to get my call outs and other system-wide communications texted to you through Remind, visit the Elmore County Public Schools website and follow the registration process.

We appreciate your support and have a great weekend!

*Every Student Empowered, Every Student Succeeds.*

Richard Dennis