



SCHOOL DISTRICT OF FLORENCE COUNTY
WE POSITIVELY AFFECT THE LIVES OF CHILDREN



March 9, 2021

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

At its March 8, 2021 Special School Board Meeting, the Board of Education voted to return to a traditional 5-day, Monday through Friday, in-person schedule, upon our return from spring break, beginning the week of Monday, April 5.

Also, the Board will discontinue offering virtual instruction for all students for the final grading period from April 5 through the last day of school, June 4. The demand upon teachers to prepare and support students on the virtual model, while no longer having a day per week to prepare and support those students is not a realistic expectation of the classroom teachers in simultaneous service to both groups of students.

This decision was based upon how our school community is currently affected by the COVID-19 pandemic in comparison to our position with the pandemic at the beginning of the school year. We are in our best position to have students return for in-person instruction compared to any other point in time since our return to the 2020-2021 school year. If the situation begins to return similar to what we experienced during the first half of the school year, this decision may be revisited by the school board to ensure that our school community remains safe, healthy and is doing what is best for all stakeholders.

Therefore, we will look forward to the return of those students who are on virtual platforms beginning Monday, April 5. If your child is on a virtual platform, and you would like to further discuss this and your options if you do not desire your child to return in-person for the last grading period of the year, please contact Brandon Jerue, Middle School/High School Principal or Stacy Brock, Associate Elementary School Principal.

Sincerely,

Ben Niehaus, District Administrator

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