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Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update | May 1, 2020

May 1 Update

As our Class of 2020 ends their school year today, we extend congratulations and best wishes to each graduating senior for their future endeavors.

Below is our weekly update. These messages can be found on our website: www.fultonschools.org/coronavirus.

Virtual Board Meeting on Tuesday, May 5

Our FCS School Board will meet for a regularly scheduled work session on next Tuesday, May 5, which will continue in a virtual format. The community is invited to view the meeting via livestream from our website: www.fultonschools.org. If applicable, all topics up for approval will be posted on [BoardDocs](#), a website that makes the school board agenda and all supporting documents available online.

School board meetings can be watched live on FCSTV Comcast Channel 24, AT&T Ch. 99, and Google Fiber TV Ch. 145 or from a computer using this link and will be streamed live on the FCS TV website.

Spring Registration Is Open

Spring registration for prekindergarten, kindergarten, and new students is scheduled for **Wednesday, May 6 and Thursday, May 7, 2020**. **[Click this link to see all of the details you need to complete registration.](#)**

You **do not** have to wait for those dates to register. You can register your child **today**. Pre-K lottery registration **must be** done by May 7. The Pre-K lottery will be held May 13.

Registration will be conducted virtually throughout the district on Wednesday, May 6 and Thursday, May 7; however, Kindergarten and new student registration is ongoing, and parents are encouraged to use the online enrollment application process at their convenience. **Only parents of NEW kindergarten and first grade students need to register on these dates.** It is not necessary for parents of **currently** enrolled Pre-K students to use the online process for kindergarten registration.

Open Enrollment Begins

The Fulton County School System has identified 53 schools that can accept transfer students next school year through Georgia's Quality Basic Education Act (also called House Bill 251). Approved in 2009, the Intra-District School Choice section of the law allows parents of students enrolled in a public K-12 school to enroll in another school within the district if space allows.

The application deadline is **Friday, May 15, at 4:30 p.m.**, and parents will be notified of their child's transfer status by June 30. A transfer application and list of transfer-eligible schools is available at <https://www.fultonschools.org/transfers>.

Star Seniors

On May 1, the last day of school for Seniors in the Class of 2020, it is fitting we recognize more of our graduating seniors. Last Friday we showcased students from Alpharetta, Banneker, Creekside, Northview, and Riverwood high schools, and now we continue our series with students from six additional high schools – **Cambridge, Johns Creek, Langston Hughes, North Springs, Roswell, and Westlake**. The remaining six Star Seniors will be recognized next Friday.

The response to our Star Seniors: Class of 2020 series has been heartwarming. The community is wrapping its arms around Fulton County Schools' 6,600+ seniors for the grace, maturity and stoicism they have shown while navigating the challenges created by COVID-19. Check out all of their inspiring stories here, www.fultonschools.org/StarSeniors, and tune in to FCS-TV and our social media channels for more in-depth information on each student.

It's Not Too Late for the Census!

Schools, emergency services and healthcare are among the top resources every community needs and uses. But to be appropriately funded, the U.S. Census Bureau must know how many people are living in Georgia so it can plan for the next 10 years. Answering the U.S. Census is easier than ever with online, phone and mail-in options, so if you have not yet responded there is no better time than now!

The data collected by the Census determines many of the federal, state and local resources our schools will receive in the future, such as funding for special education, classroom technology, teacher training, after-school programs and school meals assistance. It also affects the funding and resources that our emergency agencies receive. More information about Fulton County Schools' role in the Census, as well as other resources from the U.S. Census Bureau and Georgia Census, are posted here: www.fultonschools.org/Census2020. Click to link to find coloring pages for children and so much more!

Local municipalities and community organizations are celebrating the Census from May 1-3, for the **#2020Census: Digital Activation Weekend!** Help spread the word about completing the 2020 Census today at <http://2020CENSUS.GOV>.

School Nutrition Employee Week

Between preparing healthy food, adhering to strict nutrition standards, navigating student food allergies, and offering service with a smile, Fulton County School nutrition professionals have a lot on their plate. To celebrate their hard work and commitment, Fulton County Schools will celebrate School Nutrition Employee Week May 4 – 8, 2020.

Even though schools are closed throughout Georgia due to the COVID-19 outbreak, students in Fulton County are still being offered breakfast and lunch. Through the FCS FoodStop Drive-Thrus, an opportunity for families to drive through and pick up meals for the children in their family during the school closure, the Fulton County School Nutrition Program has provided 376,298 meals to the community.

The first Friday in May has been designated as School Lunch Hero Day by national children's author and illustrator Jarrett Krosoczka, creator of the Lunch Lady Hero series inspired by his childhood lunch lady, Jeannie. Therefore, today, we recognize our "School Lunch Heroes" and say thank you!

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About the Fulton County School System. The Fulton County School System is the fourth largest school system in Georgia. More than 93,500 students attend 106 schools in the cities of Alpharetta, Chattahoochee Hills, College Park, East Point, Fairburn, Hapeville, Johns Creek, Milton, Mountain Park, Palmetto, Roswell, Sandy Springs, South Fulton, and Union City.

