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Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update | April 2, 2020

Today's update shares news from the virtual Board Meeting held earlier this evening.

The Fulton County Board of Education held a virtual Called Board meeting on Thursday, April 2. Utilizing Microsoft Teams and broadcasting live on the FCS website and cable TV channels, the Board conducted business and voted on a number of items regarding remote learning, grading policies and procedures, and revised budget calendar. All information about the agenda and actions taken are available on [Board Docs](#) (a web site that provides public availability to view agendas and supporting documents associated with each School Board Meeting).

In particular, the Board discussed the circumstances around the current school closure, which has been extended through the remainder of this school year as announced by Governor Kemp on April 1. Other items discussed included a device update and the ongoing food distribution programs, as well as other essential functions regarding recruitment and compensation for employees.

Revised Budget Calendar

Chief Financial Officer Marvin Dereef presented a revised budget calendar which includes a new schedule of events and proposed action. The tentative approval of the budget has been moved from May 14 to June 9 with an anticipated final adoption of the FY 21 budget on June 25. This extended schedule will allow additional time for the administrative leadership team to continue data collection as well as provide the Board and the public with opportunities to review budget recommendations prior to final adoption. Public hearings are currently scheduled for May 14 and June 9 as community input from Fulton stakeholders is always vital to our budget process. [Click here to see the revised calendar.](#)

Remote Learning Guidelines

A Fulton County Schools (FCS) team of educators, led by Chief Academic Officer Cliff Jones, has worked tirelessly to provide guidance and direction for the District's remote learning process with regard to additional information for teachers and staff who are continuing the momentum of engagement with students and families while school buildings are closed. These recommendations incorporate state and federal guidelines,

pending and/or approved waivers, and FCS policies and procedures related to testing, grading, promotion and retention due to our current circumstances. Also provided are details about the opportunities and available supports for student achievement throughout the remote learning process including details about summer learning. Click to see [Remote Learning Guidelines](#).

Board Policy, Procedure and Operating Guideline Waivers

Superintendent Looney has been given Board approval to waive certain Board policies, procedures and operating guidelines in order to preserve continuity of learning and district operations while school buildings are closed. As the district continues to navigate a course through these circumstances unlike anything previously faced, it is critical that Dr. Looney and his administrative team have the flexibility to adjust as the needs arise.

Superintendent Looney's Letter to Graduating Seniors

During today's Virtual Board Meeting, Superintendent Looney shared information with the Class of 2020. [Click here to see the letter](#). Seniors and their families are asked to use #FCS2020Seniors on social media as we look to hear from them and share with them information, inspiration and encouragement.

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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.