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Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update | June 19, 2020

Board Meeting

The Fulton Board of Education met for their regularly scheduled meeting on June 18. Superintendent Looney and staff provided updates on the second summer school session, school reopening plans, a COVID-19 closure matrix, and the status of the budget (see additional information below). Dr. Looney also announced that he would be working with students, teachers and parents on a Bill of Rights for students and parents to address equality, equity and diversity within the district.

COVID-19 Closure Matrix

While the district's decision regarding reopening will not be final until the Board's June 29th Special Called meeting, Superintendent Looney shared the [COVID-19 Closure Matrix](#), which will govern the district's response to COVID-19 cases that occur within Fulton County Schools (FCS) when the district is back to in-person instruction. The matrix incorporates current guidance from the CDC and Department of Public Health. The model includes a plan for school, building, zone, or district closures based upon low, moderate or substantial community impact. Also, each possible scenario includes a response protocol for communication, public health engagement, contact tracing, staff or student quarantine, cleaning, and recovery.

Budget Update

Although the Legislature is now in session, a final state budget has not yet been approved. However, the Senate has made budget recommendations which, if approved, will be forwarded to the House for action. The current recommendation includes an 11 percent proposed reduction (as opposed to 14 percent) to local school budgets which would decrease the amount of fund balance needed for next year's budget in Fulton County Schools. Also, the district anticipates receiving millage rate data from the Tax Assessors Office next week as FCS prepares for Millage Rate hearings in July.

To see more information regarding the meeting, visit [BoardDocs](#), a website that makes the school board agenda and all supporting documents available online.

Summer Session 2

The second session of summer school, which will begin July 7, will mirror the first summer session and be offered as remote learning only. Summer Session 1 included a virtual learning environment for elementary students – the first of its kind in the district. More than 6,000 middle and high school students are currently enrolled in 10,000 classes or “enrollments” during Summer Session 1. Parents who have students enrolled for Summer Session 2 will receive additional information and details about the second session next week.

Kindergarten Roundup

[Click here to register](#) for our virtual Kindergarten Roundup which is scheduled for July 10. The event will include the enrollment process, preparing for the first day of school, learning resources and more.

HotSpots for Summer School

Summer School Session 2, which begins July 7, will be offered using our FCS remote platform. Parents whose students are currently enrolled for Summer Session 2 will receive detailed information next week. If your student is enrolled in Summer Session 2 and you need a device or hot spot, parents/guardians should call the Remote Learning Hotline (470) 254-2300 and select option 8 for a computer/hardware issue. FCS Technology staff members will be available through “dial 8” to address hardware/computer/HotSpot needs or problems with an FCS issued device; and will provide additional details for all who have questions or need assistance.

Reminder

CENSUS UPDATE Voices for Georgia's Children

SELF-RESPONSE
MAR 12 - OCT 31

Anyone can respond at anytime online, by phone, or on paper.

HAND-DELIVERY
JUN 15 - JUL 9

Households that do not receive mail will receive a hand-delivered invitation with a paper form and instructions.

IN PERSON VISITS
AUG 11 - OCT 31

Households that have not yet responded may receive a visit from a census worker to help complete the form.

GROUP QUARTERS
APR 2 - SEP 3

College students, nursing homes, prisons, long-term care facilities, etc. will all be counted by the entity where they live.

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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.

