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Greetings Families,

A sincere thank you to our families for being true partners in your children's education during our distance learning programs! Our appreciation to you for allowing us to provide education for students in your home and the tremendous support you provided your children during this time period as teachers, facilitators, tutors, and encouragers.

We are excited to share that the number of covid-19 cases continues to decline in Jefferson County. Our numbers are now low enough that we are confident in our ability to safely open schools to in-person learning for all grade levels next week. For our in-person instruction model, Monday and Tuesday, February 1-2, 2021, will be prep days used for training for employees on operational blueprints and school safety protocols & procedures, as well as additional teacher preparation time for the shift to full day in-person instruction. **Full day in-person learning will resume on Wednesday, February 3, 2021.** The CASA online program will continue their online instruction, uninterrupted, on February 1st and 2nd.

**Implemented Safety Measures for In-Person Instruction:** While we cannot completely eliminate all risk associated with in person learning, we have rigorous safety and cleaning protocols in place for the safety of students and staff. We are partnering closely with local public health officials and they will provide support and direction for managing COVID-19 related scenarios that impact our school community. When on-site, staff and students are required to follow the protocols outlined in our [Operational Blueprint Plans](#) and [Communicable Disease Plan](#). These measures include:

- Masks required for all
- Social distancing in all spaces
- Stable groups of students in limited size cohorts
- Frequent handwashing
- Frequent cleaning
- Maximize airflow and ventilation
- Screening of symptoms
- Isolation and quarantine procedures

**Learning Options:** For families not yet ready to return to in-person learning, we remind you that you have the option to enroll your student in our online program, CASA Online. For more information about our two learning models (in-person or CASA Online) please visit our [Safely Return To School](#) webpage.

**Notice of Risk for In-Person Instruction:** Parents and guardians of students returning to in person instruction should understand that if your student returns to in-person instruction, there is a possibility that students could contract the COVID-19 virus at school. Parents/guardians should understand that:

- The school has provided parent/guardian with information regarding the risks associated with contracting the COVID-19 virus at school
- Parent/guardian may contact school staff with questions
- Parent/guardian has been given the option to continue their student in distance learning (CASA Online);
- Parent/guardian is voluntarily declining the distance learning option (CASA online); and,
- Parent/guardian has voluntarily elected for their student to return to in-person instruction knowing the potential risks involved.

**School and Transportation Schedules:**

SCHOOL	SCHOOL START A.M.	SCHOOL RELEASE P.M.
BIG MUDDY K-8 SCHOOL	8:00	2:00
BRIDGES HIGH SCHOOL	9:25	3:10
BUFF ELEMENTARY	8:00	2:00
JEFFERSON COUNTY MIDDLE SCHOOL	7:40	1:38
MADRAS ELEMENTARY	7:55	1:55
MADRAS HIGH SCHOOL	9:40	3:15
METOLIUS ELEMENTARY	8:00	2:00
WARM SPRINGS K-8 ACADEMY	9:15	3:25

\*Detailed School schedules will be provided by your home schools.

[Return to In-Person Bus Schedule](#)

We thank you for your patience as we've worked to create a safe environment for our students and staff to return to school in-person instruction. We look forward to seeing each of you in your preferred learning model next week!

Sincerely,

Ken Parshall  
 Superintendent  
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