

SOUTHGATE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Southgate Families,

I would like to start by thanking everyone for their teamwork and cooperation during this entire roller coaster of COVID-19. It's hard to believe that anyone could have seen where this whole situation has taken us and continues to take us. With that being said, it was announced yesterday by Governor Beshear that all public and private schools must transition to all virtual learning starting this Monday, November 23. It's important to understand that this isn't a recommendation but a mandate that every school system must follow as an Executive Order. Therefore, the Southgate Independent School District will be transitioning to our all virtual Non-Traditional Instruction Days starting this Monday.

As it stands right now, Governor Beshear has stated that elementary schools could return to face to face instruction as soon as Monday, December 7 if our respective county is out of the red status. Our school district will continue to monitor the status of Campbell County in hopes of returning to face to face instruction on December 7. We are very confident in our current AM/PM instructional model that has allowed us to social distance students in the classrooms while mask-wearing throughout our school building. Our team has done a wonderful job following the Healthy at School Guidelines while providing a safe learning environment for all.

There is no doubt that we have progressed as a school district when it comes to our ability to provide a virtual learning platform for our students. I am very confident in the ability of our school leaders, teachers, and other support staff members to provide a learning experience centered on the needs of all children. Keeping that in mind, we need a complete team effort where all students are participating in the required daily virtual meetings and completing the daily work assigned by the classroom teachers. Students who don't participate without a valid excuse are considered to be unexcused. It's imperative to understand that 3 unexcused absences leads a student to be considered truant as defined by KRS 159.150. Please make sure that your child(ren) are participating every day.

We understand that our children must have the proper nourishment in order to make continuous progress with their academics. The school district will continue to offer meals to our students during our NTI days. There will be more details to follow in the upcoming days about our food service plan. As always, we appreciate everyone's flexibility as we continue to maneuver through this very fluid situation. Take care and stay safe!

Sincerely,

Greg Duty

Superintendent

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