



COLUMBUS COUNTY SCHOOLS

Accredited by the State Board of Education and the Southern Association of Colleges & Schools

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Randy Coleman
Junior Dew
Worley T. Edwards
Monte Herring
Ronnie Strickland

ADMINISTRATION

DEANNE MEADOWS
Superintendent
JONATHAN WILLIAMS
Associate Superintendent

May 11, 2020

Dear Middle School Parents/Guardians,

The last several weeks have been a unique experience for all. We have been learning right along with you and your child. Each week during our school building closure, we have adjusted our original plans from the time the Governor announced the original closure for our schools. We moved from the face to face learning in our buildings to the remote learning in your homes. We want to thank you for taking the time to work with your children and for encouraging them to stay engaged with school. We believe it is vital to each student's academic growth and their future that they continue to learn even though they are not in the school buildings each day. Therefore, our educators are spending many hours creating learning experiences for your children and trying to find resources and tools that make the learning engaging.

As you have heard the Governor has made an executive order to keep our school buildings closed for the remainder of this school year. With this new order, we will continue our remote learning plan and make learning experiences as engaging and beneficial for students until the school year ends on May 22, 2020. As stated above, we want students to gain as much academic progress as possible in this unique situation. The state has decided that middle school students will receive a "PC19" or "WC19" for each course this year. This means that a student who mastered the standards prior to March 13 and continued to make progress will receive a PC19 on their report card and transcript for this school year. If a student has not been able to master the standards up to March 13 for a course this year, then they will receive a WC19 on their report card or transcript. A WC19 does not mean that a student has failed, it is indicating that due to the change to remote learning a student has not been able to master the standards for the year. Students can still be promoted to the next grade even with a WC19 on their report card. If a student is retained, school staff have had conversations with parents and students prior to the March 13, 2020 closure and they will continue those conversations prior to the end of the school year.

The most important part of this letter is that we need students to continue to learn and engage with their teachers until the end of the year. We are working with students to continue their academic development. Next year, students will move to the next grade level and what they were intended to learn this year will be necessary for success next year. We want our students to be prepared for the next grade level and ultimately prepared for high school and post-graduation. If they miss standards in a grade level, reaching those goals will be more difficult. Therefore, we need you to continue to partner with us. Please continue to encourage and require your child to participate in the daily learnings until May 22, 2020.

Sincerely,

Deanne Meadows, Ed.D.
Superintendent