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### **Butler County School System COVID 19 Statewide School Closure Academic Plan and Student Feeding Program Information**

As directed by the Governor, Butler County School System will implement a plan to complete the 2019-2020 school year using alternate methods of instruction. Our staff members have been working diligently this week to compile materials for our students to complete the school year. Information will be mailed to students at their home address and will include both hard copy documents and a list of additional on-line resources for students. These materials will also be posted on the district website at [www.butlerco.k12.al.us](http://www.butlerco.k12.al.us).

Our teachers will communicate with their students regularly within the coming weeks by phone and other electronic methods. Students and parents may contact the teachers as they will be on-call for questions and assistance Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. I am thanking parents, grandparents, and other caregivers in advance for stepping up and assisting us teach your children. We understand that you have an enormous list of other things you must attend to and we just added to that list. Parents, do the very best you can and leave the rest to us. WE have a plan in place regarding instruction both during this crisis and for the moment it subsides or ends. Our plan will be delivered to everyone by April 10, 2020 or earlier. Our students will be safe and they will be taught. Instruction will look differently than the traditional approach.

Ensuring that the Class of 2020 is on track to graduate is an important priority. Our schools are currently reviewing the status of each senior to determine the extent to which the student has met graduation requirements for the Class of 2020 and if needed, will develop a plan to help each student complete these requirements during the remainder of the school year.

Butler County School System's Child Nutrition Program will continue to provide nutritional breakfasts and lunches for students during the state-mandated school closure. The meals may be picked up at numerous sites within our county that are listed below. Meals for multiple days will be provided. They will be available as follows:

#### **Breakfast/Lunch Distribution Dates – Pick up time is 10:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m.**

- Mondays in April and May
  - Includes breakfasts and lunches for Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday
- Thursdays in April and May
  - Includes breakfasts and lunches for Thursday and Friday

### **Greenville Meal Distribution Sites**

- Dunbar Park Pavilion, Dunbar Road, Greenville, AL
- Butler Chapel AME Zion Church, 401 Oglesby Street, Greenville, AL
- Butler County Board of Education Central Office Boardroom, 949 Oglesby Street, Greenville, AL
- Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church, 2240 South Mt. Zion Road, Greenville, AL
- Greenville Middle School, 300 Overlook Road, Greenville, AL (rear parking lot near cafeteria)

### **Georgiana Meal Distribution Sites**

- Georgiana School, 866 Hwy. 31 South, Georgiana, AL
- Coaches Corner, 529 Parmer Avenue, Georgiana, AL

### **McKenzie Meal Distribution Sites**

- McKenzie Town Pavilion, 118 Main Street, McKenzie, AL
- Church of the Living God Community Center, 226 Wise Road, McKenzie, AL

As we move forward in determining how we are going to best serve the educational and nutritional needs of our students at home, the safety and welfare of our employees is also a primary concern for us. Staffing decisions and determinations related to access to school buildings are made in accordance with all applicable public health orders and the recommendations of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH). The work schedule for essential personnel required to complete this task may vary from week to week and possibly day to day depending upon the course of the pandemic in our area.

I extend my deepest appreciation to our staff and community members who have come together during this crisis to serve the needs of the children in our county. Thank you for your team spirit and willingness to be patient and flexible as we work through this unprecedented situation together. I especially want to thank our mayors, Mr. Dexter McLendon, Mr. Jerome Antone, and Mr. Lester Odom for their constant support to our school system as well as the law enforcement agencies in our county. Butler County Commission has offered their support to all our efforts and for that, we are truly blessed.

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