

February 25, 2021

**Letter to Parents and Guardians of Students Served through Adapted/HHB/Medically Fragile**

Dear Families:

Two weeks ago we began returning students who are served in the adapted curriculum program back to school for face-to-face instruction. We are excited to share with you that the district is preparing to increase the number of days for these students to receive in-person instruction. In addition to expanding the number of days, we will also be offering students served at Cedar Shoals High School and Clarke Central High School a full academic day.

While the district is preparing to expand the days students may access in-person instruction, please know that individualized educational teams can also consider the appropriateness of maintaining a hybrid approach for in-person and virtual instruction. If you would like the IEP team to consider maintaining in person services for two days per week, please contact your child's case manager and request a meeting be scheduled.

Beginning the week of March 1, 2021 CCSD will offer in person instruction for students served in the adapted program Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Elementary aged students will attend school from 7:40-2:30; Middle School aged students will attend from 8:45-3:45; and High School aged students will attend from 9:00-3:30. Students will continue to receive virtual instruction on Wednesdays as they have been receiving.

Please know we share your concern about the impacts of virtual learning, both emotionally and academically, on the students we serve in our district. We are committed to identifying current achievement levels on students' goals and objectives when they return for in-person instruction. Once current levels have been identified, teachers will be working with parents to discuss the potential need for your child to receive summer services to ensure progress continues on their individualized educational plans.

The district is working to create a summer program that will provide students with an opportunity to continue instruction including remediation and enrichment as appropriate. If data shows your child is eligible, you can expect an official meeting to discuss summer services shortly after students return from Spring Break. We believe this will provide teachers with the necessary time to not only work with students in person but also gather information specific to their goals and objectives.

We are also partnering with NE GA RESA, provider of Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy and Orientation/Mobility services for students enrolled in our district, to ensure students will have access to these services as well during summer programming.

We are excited we have been able to return some services to face-to-face and look forward to continuing our partnership with you as we work to expand them and prepare for learning opportunities this summer.

Respectfully,



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