



January 7, 2022

Dear FCS Family:

We greatly appreciate your patience and understanding this week. I am pleased to share that FCS will return for face-to-face instruction on Monday, January 10. However, please expect some isolated transportation delays, similar to what we experienced in August.

Our 41 schools will remain open this semester if we can staff them. Please be prepared to pivot if any school is unable to operate due to a shortage of staff. If this occurs, it will transition to virtual learning until we are able to adequately staff the school.

Parents/guardians, PLEASE keep sick/symptomatic children at home. Students or staff awaiting a COVID test result must stay home while waiting for the results. For further information about COVID and our procedures, please refer to our [website](#).

We strongly encourage all staff and students to wear a mask while indoors and to social distance when feasible. Additionally, we strongly encourage individuals to wash hands frequently, keep work areas clean, and cover up coughs and sneezes.

I hope that COVID cases begin to decline this month as rapidly as they increased. Just as we did during 1st semester, we will return to normal operations once our local data shows that it is safe to do so.

Again, thank you all for your patience and understanding. **Students need to be in school and we want them to be in school.** I'm looking forward to a very productive and enjoyable 2nd semester.

Sincerely,

Jeff Bearden
Superintendent