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FORSYTH COUNTY SCHOOLS 2020-21
July 21, 2020 Update

On July 21, the Forsyth County Board of Education adopted the 2020-21 school calendar that includes **no reduction of student days** and **extending the first day of school from August 6 to August 13 for planning purposes** for both in-person learning at school and online learning from home. Teachers will still report to work on July 29 and will use this extended planning time for in-depth professional learning to be ready for full-time virtual learning for all students if needed by classroom, school, vertical team or across the district at any time this school year.

Additionally, in the 2020-21 school and employee work calendars, there are **no reduction of workdays for all employee classifications** as was previously projected. We greatly appreciate the Board of Education working diligently to make this happen.

As of July 21 at 4 pm, the [Georgia Department of Public Health](#) is reporting 1,414 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Forsyth County, which includes 16 deaths and 148 hospitalizations. According to the 2019 U.S. Census, Forsyth County's population is estimated to be at 244,252. This means 0.58% of Forsyth County's residents have had a confirmed case of COVID-19.

Based on this information and on survey feedback input from staff, parents/guardians and students, Forsyth County Schools developed guidelines for opening schools and offered families a choice between in-person learning at school and online learning from home for 2020-21. Out of an estimated 22,000 elementary students, [7,500 or 34% have chosen to learn online from home](#) for the first nine-weeks of 2020-21. The deadline to sign-up for middle and high school online learning is July 31.

We will continue to consult with the Department of Public Health and Georgia Emergency Management weekly and appreciate your patience as we navigate the challenges and opportunities that are before us for 2020-21. Please visit www.forsyth.k12.ga.us/restartforsyth for the school and employee calendars and for updated information.