



FRANKLIN COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Students, Families, and Staff Members,

This correspondence will address several topics and reminders regarding the FCPS Return to School Plan. A March 10th correspondence shared that starting **Monday, March 29th**, PreK-12 students attending in-person will report to school five days a week through June 11th. Students who are 100% virtual will remain learning virtually through June 11th.

Everyone, please be mindful, regardless of in-person or virtual learning status, free breakfast and lunches are available each day to all children 18 and under. The child does not have to attend FCPS to receive breakfast and lunch. Please call any school if you have questions about food accessibility.

Unlike last year during the Spring 2020 school closure, the state is not providing pass/fail or other options when a student is not passing a class. This year, students must earn passing scores in their mandatory classes to receive their diploma. Earning one's diploma is essential, and we want to avoid any senior being ineligible to graduate due to his/her failure to meet needed requirements. Seniors and families, please know there is time to get on track for graduation on June 10th. Despite the many challenging circumstances of this school year, we encourage you to keep working hard to ensure you can graduate with your peers.

As we return back to school five days each week, remember that properly worn face masks are required in all schools and on all buses. As a reminder, The Center for Disease Control, "CDC", asserts that, "When we wear a mask, we protect others as well as ourselves." Families may use this link: [Masks work best when everyone wears one and Guidance for Wearing Masks](#) to access information to help explain to students the importance of wearing a mask properly at school and on the bus. Thank you all for helping with the face mask requirements. Should your child need a mask, please contact his/her school.

As a school division, we continue to contend with the pandemic in our quest to make sure we strengthen our students' social and emotional well-being as well as provide educational opportunities to reduce learning losses. All the while, we remain committed to ensuring the safety and welfare of all students and staff as our top priority. Again, if your child needs help, please reach out to your school's administrator or school counselor. I sincerely thank you for continuing this partnership to ensure our children are safe and learning.

Sincerely,

Dr. Bernice Cobbs
Division Superintendent