



George County School District

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Dear George County School District Families,

With all of Mississippi's public schools currently closed, the George County School's district and school administrators, and teachers are developing plans for both a return to school on April 20, 2020 and for alternate methods of providing instruction to students during a possible extended school closure. As we move forward, George County School District teachers are making many resources and learning opportunities available to students and families. We strongly encourage you as parents to engage your student in the activities provided by your child's teachers. Teachers will be assessing the work completed and offering feedback. Students are also being given opportunities to connect with teachers via social media and virtual platforms. You will be receiving specific details concerning your child's instruction beginning April 1, 2020 from your child's teachers and school.

We will be conducting another survey via our automated phone messaging system on Friday at 6:00 pm to determine which of our students have access to technology. Please participate in this survey. This information will help us to know how to better serve our students with instructional options.

As per the Mississippi State Department of Education, all required state assessments for the 2019-2020 school year have been suspended. Students will not be required to pass state assessments as a graduation requirement or to be promoted for the 2019-2020 school year. Students will however, still be required to pass the course work in their classes in order to be promoted or to receive a graduation credit for a course.

Our decisions and direction will continue to be guided by input from the Governor's Office, the Mississippi Department of Public Health, and the Mississippi Department of Education. With many variables, most importantly the health and safety of our students in mind, the George County School District is committed to continued educational excellence. With a focus on the health of our community and the safety of our families, the George County School District remains devoted to students and the potential for teaching and learning.

We will continue to post updates as information becomes available to us. We appreciate the support of our community during this time and strongly encourage each of you to take all of the necessary precautions for you and your family to remain safe and healthy.

Regards,

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