



SOUTHAMPTON COUNTY SCHOOLS

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January 15, 2021

Dear Parents,

Monday, January 11, 2021, the Southampton County School Board approved the superintendent's recommendation to enter Phase II of the Return to In-Person Learning Plan. Major caveats of returning to in-person learning are favorable COVID-19 metrics and appropriate mitigation strategies. Favorable COVID-19 metrics will show a reduction in the risk of transmission, while appropriate mitigation strategies entail implementation with fidelity.

The decision to return your child to in-person learning, or allowing them to continue virtually, rests with you, the parent. If you desire for your child to physically return to school, it will be open for in-person learning Monday, February 8, 2021, for students in pre-K through 3rd, 6th, and 9th grades. Monday, February 22, 2021, students in 4th, 5th, 7th, 8th, and 10th through 12th grades may physically return to school.

Students have been divided into two cohorts: Cohort A and Cohort B. Cohort A consists of students with the last names beginning with the letters A through I. Cohort B consists of students with the last names beginning with the letters J through Z. Students in Cohort A will attend school synchronously (in-person) Monday and Tuesday. For the remainder of the week, Cohort A will asynchronously (virtually) participate. Students in Cohort B will attend school synchronously (in-person) Wednesday and Thursday. For the remainder of the week, Cohort B will asynchronously (virtually) participate. Students in the same household will attend school on the same days. Principals may make adjustments to class sizes and cohort groups based on student participation in synchronous learning.

We ask that you complete the *Registration Form* so that we can determine who plans to return to in-person learning and who plans to remain virtual. The QR code to the Registration Form is below. If you have problems completing the Registration Form, please call the school and speak directly with an attendance clerk or the principal.

There is a delicate balance between maintaining safety and reopening schools to in-person learning. We recognize how critical both components are to all stakeholders. We will diligently employ aggressive mitigation measures and creative instructional methods to provide the greatest efficacy.

Sincerely,

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In-person/Virtual Learning Registration Form



QR Code from Registration Form
(contains four urls)