



Letter from Superintendent

Dear Parents, Guardians, Students and Staff:

I am pleased to share with you the MCPS Spring 2021 Recovery Guide. This Guide provides an overview of our plans for virtual and in-person learning experiences; extracurricular activities and athletics; operations, safety and logistics. We will continue to adjust and improve these plans as students begin to return to school buildings starting March 1. It is important to note that when students return for in-person learning experiences, it will look and feel much different from what they previously experienced in school buildings. Face coverings, physical distancing and frequent hand-washing will be required to reduce the spread of COVID-19.

MCPS is committed to a path that returns our students to school buildings as quickly as possible over the next few weeks and lessens the impact of COVID-19. However, because we are unable to predict the path of the pandemic—should the present downward trend in cases change—MCPS may need to revisit this plan to keep the well-being of our students and staff at the forefront of our planning.

Families will receive information on classroom-specific plans throughout February. Thank you for your continued support and collaboration as we work together to meet the needs of our families, students and staff.

Sincerely,

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Superintendent of Schools