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Dear Parents/Guardians of McIntosh High School:

The following information applies to McIntosh High School students only:

Due to the number of positive COVID-19 cases and the number of persons in quarantine, the decision has been made to temporarily move our school to a hybrid model of learning. Beginning this Thursday, December 3, McIntosh High School will begin temporarily operating on a Synchronous Hybrid Model that will include five days of instruction for students. Note that this is a different model from what was implemented at the beginning of the school year. With the Synchronous Hybrid Model, students will work in one of two formats each day of the week: live in-person learning or synchronous learning from home via Zoom.

Daily Schedule

Here is how the Synchronous Hybrid Model will work:

- All students will follow their normal daily schedule
- Links to Zoom sessions will be posted on the teacher's Schoology page
- Students at home will participate in class in real time via Zoom
- Attendance is required and will be taken by the teacher
- During the at-home Zoom sessions, students are required to log in to each teacher's Zoom link at the beginning of each class period.

Date	Group A Students	Group B Students
December 3 & 4	Attend In-Person Instruction at School	Participate in Synchronous Learning at Home
December 7 & 8	Participate in Synchronous Learning at Home	Attend In-Person Instruction at School
December 9 & 10	Attend In-Person Instruction at School	Participate in Synchronous Learning at Home
December 11 & 14	Participate in Synchronous Learning at Home	Attend In-Person Instruction at School
December 15-18	Final Exams - All students in-person at school	Final Exams - All students in-person at school

Students were placed into either “A” group or “B” group at the beginning of the school year, and those groups are still active. If you cannot remember your child’s group, it is listed on the “Student Summary Page” in Infinite Campus. For recently enrolled students, group “A” and “B” assignments have been added and can be viewed on the student summary page.

Attendance/Engagement

Due to the importance of active engagement and participation, McIntosh High School will track the attendance and engagement of students each day. Attendance will be taken in each class period where they attend and participate in live learning, whether that takes place in-person at school or at home through synchronous learning.

Normal attendance protocols for absences will apply.

Quarantined/Absent Students

Students who are quarantined, but not experiencing symptoms should participate in the live Zoom sessions in every class daily during their time of quarantine, regardless of the group the student is assigned. Students who are absent due to sickness are welcome to participate in the Zoom sessions if they are well enough to participate.

Again, the decision to temporarily move to the Synchronous Hybrid Model was made based on the recent number of COVID-19 positive cases at the school, the number of persons in quarantine, and based on Georgia Department of Public Health guidelines.

As with all of our work, student and staff safety is one of our highest priorities. The decision to move to this Synchronous Hybrid Model was not made lightly. We know that students learn best when they are at school with their teachers every day. However, we believe this is the right step to take to prevent potential spread of the virus so that we can continue to have ongoing face-to-face learning for all students.

We know that this will be a new format for both our students and teachers. Our teachers may need some time to adjust to juggling the online classroom with the physical classroom, so patience is appreciated.

During this time of Synchronous Hybrid Learning, we will temporarily revert back to our regular bell schedule during the eight days. Students off campus at some point during the day need to pay close attention to the schedule. Our bell schedule will be:

Regular Seven Period Day Schedule	
50 Minute Classes	
Time	Event
8:00 a.m.	Students allowed in the building
	Beginning of staff day

8:30 a.m.	End Morning Tutorials
8:35 a.m. - 9:25 a.m.	First Period
9:31 a.m. - 10:21 a.m.	Second Period
10:27 a.m. - 11:17 a.m.	Third Period
11:17 a.m. - 11:47 a.m.	A Lunch (Career Tech, Fine Arts, World Languages Math)
11:52 a.m. - 12:22 p.m.	B Lunch (English, Social Studies)
12:27 p.m. - 12:57 p.m.	C Lunch (Science, PE/Health)
1:03 p.m. - 1:53 p.m.	Fifth Period
1:59 p.m. - 2:49 p.m.	Sixth Period
2:55 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.	Seventh Period
3:45 p.m.	Car Riders, Walkers, and Golf Cart Drivers Dismissed
3:48 p.m.	Car Drivers and Students Staying for Afternoon Activities Dismissed
3:51 p.m.	Bus Riders Dismissed
4:00 p.m.	Administrative Detention Begins
4:45 p.m.	Administrative Detention Ends

Thank you for your continued trust and partnership. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 770-631-3232 or via email at lane.daniel@mail.fcboe.org.

Sincerely,

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