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Dear Parents,

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The decision was announced at Tuesday's board meeting that Beaufort County School District will temporarily adopt a full-virtual educational model when school reopens on September 8th. The goal of the school district is to return to in-person learning as soon as safely possible. I understand that this decision has put a strain on many of our families. Please know that anything we can do at the school level that is feasibly possible to support you, we will.

During Tuesday's school board meeting, a new academic calendar was also approved—see attached.

Last Monday, we released the supply lists for each grade level. These lists can continue to be accessed on our school website. Since our goal is to return to in-person learning when possible, we ask that you continue to purchase the necessary items for your child to complete daily assignments and remain organized. At this time, it is not required to purchase items that are not needed to be successful for the virtual learning setting, ie plastic shoebox size container, bookbag, water bottle, change of clothes for our younger students, required amount of pencils, and headphones/ear buds. Please note that these items will be needed upon return to school. I encourage our families that are experiencing a financial hardship to reach out to CES, so we can assist with purchasing items for your child(ren).

Meal distribution will continue throughout the full-virtual learning process with the same schedule and locations, which can be viewed on the district website.

On or before August 24th, letters for class placement will be mailed to families. In order to receive your child's class placement on time, it is vital that you complete the enrollment process. It is still important for you to choose virtual or in person learning so we can place your child appropriately at the time that students return to in person learning. When teachers return, they will be reaching out to all families to schedule a personalized Zoom meeting the week of August 31st. This meeting will give teachers the opportunity to explain their daily schedule, provide contact information, give parents the opportunity to ask questions, and most importantly the ability to meet your child prior to the start of school.

All students in Kindergarten - 5th grade will receive electronic devices. A schedule for picking up your child's device and textbooks will be released closer to the start of school. If your family is in need of internet service, please reach out to me prior to the start of school so we can work together to ensure your child has access.

On Friday, the district will release a video of what virtual learning will entail for your child. I will send the link to all parents once it is released. I encourage you to watch the video as it will contain information that will assist your child in being successful during the virtual learning process.

In the coming days and weeks, we will continue to communicate any pertinent information on our media platforms, through email and voicemails. It is important that we maintain accurate contact information of our families.

Thank you, Melissa Pender, Principal