September 1, 2020

Stakeholders of Lee County Schools:

A recommendation to open Lee County Schools for in-person traditional learning on Monday, September 14, 2020, will be made at the next regularly scheduled Board of Education meeting, which is scheduled for Tuesday, September 8, at 6 P.M. Those families who have registered for virtual/remote learning will continue to be served in an online format. If the recommendation is approved, then families who opted to participate in the traditional/blended learning environment may allow their students to return to campus Monday, September 14.

For schools to open and remain operational for in-person learning, it is imperative that all parents, guardians, employees, and students respect and adhere to the guidelines set forth by the Center for Disease Control (CDC) and the Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH). Parents and guardians must be vigilant in serving as the first line of defense for daily screening of students. If any member of the household has a positive test for COVID-19 or exhibits symptoms of illness, then all members of that household must be quarantined and follow the direction of your healthcare provider.

Additionally, in an effort to mitigate, to the extent feasible, the spread of infectious disease, expectations will be in place. Traditional learning will look differently for the time being. All individuals who enter a Lee County School building or property will be expected to:

- Wear a face covering,
- Maintain social distancing to the extent feasible
- Practice proper hygiene.

The safety and well-being of each student, employee, and family member remains a priority for Lee County Schools. You are encouraged to become familiar with the resources made available by the CDC and the ADPH (cdc.gov/coronavirus and alabamapublichealth.gov). We look forward to welcoming students back to campus Monday, September 14. For additional information, please contact your local school.

Respectfully and with appreciation,

James E. McCoy, Superintendent