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Lee County Schools Family and Friends:

The Lee County Schools Board of Education voted Tuesday night to approve the recommendation to re-open schools for traditional, in-person learning beginning Monday, September 14. Those families who have registered for virtual/remote learning will continue to be served in an online format without interruption. The families who opted to participate in the traditional/blended learning environment may allow their students to return to campus Monday, September 14. The opening on Monday will be for all students. At this time, there will be no abbreviated schedule, nor will there be alternating groups.

For any family who wishes to change learning environments from virtual to traditional, or vice-versa, traditional to virtual should contact your local school this week to discuss the specifics of making that transition.

In order to open schools 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 refrain from attending school. With the proper communication between parents and school officials, absences can be coded correctly and academic work can be provided to be completed remotely.

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 are expected to:

- Wear a face covering,
- Maintain social distancing when possible,
- 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](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus) and [alabamapublichealth.gov](https://www.alabamapublichealth.gov)). We look forward to welcoming students back to campus Monday, September 14. School bus service will be provided. For additional information, please contact your local school.