March 13, 2020

Dear Madison County School System Family,

I am writing to update you on the recent announcement from the Alabama State Department of Public Health that Alabama has its first confirmed case of the coronavirus (COVID-19). The case is in Montgomery, Alabama. As part of that announcement, Alabama State Department of Education Superintendent Dr. Eric Mackey explained that schools will remain open. However, he recommended canceling all field trips. Importantly, he also recommended that school districts begin taking steps to limit and cancel public gatherings of 500 people or more as soon as possible, and no later than March 20, 2020. With this in mind, our district will implement the following guidelines:

1. The Madison County School System will not cancel any of the events currently scheduled for this weekend, March 13th through 15th, 2020.
2. Except for athletic events, all currently planned events and field trips will be canceled beginning Monday, March 16th, through Thursday, April 30th, 2020. This includes, but is not limited to, all plays, concerts, recitals, career fairs, dances, and other school-related gatherings. Your child’s school principal will send additional communication regarding affected school events.
3. Effective today, Friday, March 13, 2020, all non-school related indoor facility usage are canceled through April 30, 2020. The Principal will be in touch with individual organizations that are using the facilities.

The above measures are consistent with the directions from our state superintendent, Dr. Eric Mackey, and the Alabama State Department of Public Health, with whom we are in regular communication.

Ultimately, attending any of the events this weekend is entirely up to the discretion of our families and community members. For anyone attending any events this weekend, please continue to take precautions to limit the spread of germs. This includes regular handwashing, the regular use of hand sanitizer, and staying home if you are feeling sick or running a fever.

Please keep in mind that this is an ever-changing situation, and we are continuously receiving new guidance as the national situation changes. My utmost concern is the health and safety of our students, staff, and community.

Sincerely,

Allen Perkins
Superintendent