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Dear SCPS Families and Staff,

It is hard to believe that in less than two weeks our school system will say goodbye to the 2020-2021 school year. It surely has been a memorable year and together we navigated the changes necessary to meet both the academic needs of our students and the health and safety requirements related to COVID-19. Since February 28, 2020, I have sent 51 communications to families including 35 letters to families and staff providing updated information and important reminders about things happening in our school division. I thank all of you who have offered me suggestions and asked questions for greater clarification. I will not send a letter in June, (I am hearing the loud sighs) but don't worry, on July 30th a letter will be sent to families and staff.

Schedule Change June 7th and 8th

School buildings will be closed to students (with the exception of virtual students who are scheduled to come into the building for SOL testing) on Tuesday, June 8 due to primary voting that is taking place in many of our schools that day. SCPS will provide synchronous, face-to-face instruction on Monday, June 7 (X-Day for students). On Tuesday, June 8, students will participate in asynchronous instruction at home. June 9 and 10 remain regular synchronous, face-to-face instruction days. As a reminder, the last day of the 2020-2021 school year is Thursday, June 10.

Graduation

On June 12, we will graduate approximately 2,400 students. I congratulate all our graduates for their accomplishments. I know the senior year required many sacrifices, and I hope you look back at this year as one of triumph over the many challenges that were out of your control. I wish every senior great success and happiness. To the parents of our graduating seniors, I thank you for supporting your children throughout their K-12 learning journey and encouraging them to take advantage of the opportunities provided to them.

2021-2022 Plan

As we planned for the 2021-2022 school year, our main goals were to design a five-day, in-person instructional program that ensures all students would receive a full instructional day. We wanted to make sure that transportation would also operate efficiently and be able to transport students to and from school without disrupting the instructional time. While we believe face-to-face is the best learning model for children, we continue to respect your right to choose virtual instruction if that is the best option for your family. [Please review the 2021-2022 School Plan on our website for details about in-person and virtual instruction.](#)

Great Learning Adventure

[Registration is open for Sessions 1 and 2 of the Great Learning Adventure.](#) This summer learning opportunity consists of design challenges focusing on specific Mathematics and English standards using dynamic, engaging, and hands-on learning experiences. There is no cost to participate; students are provided transportation, breakfast, and lunch each day. Families interested in this opportunity should register their students by Monday, May 31 to facilitate bus scheduling. Elementary families should contact their child's principal for enrollment information.

Elementary School: Session 1 June 22 - July 9; Session 2 July 12 - 27

Middle School: Session 1 June 22 - July 9; Session 2 July 12 - 29

High School: Session 1 June 22 - July 9; Session 2 July 12 - July 29

Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten registration is open for the 2021-2022 school year. Parents and guardians are encouraged to [register their children now using the Online Registration system](#). After completing the online portion of registration, you will still need to complete and provide some documents in person with the registering school. [A list of all documents required for enrollment is available on our website.](#)

SCPS will host five Mobile Enrollment Festivals this summer to help register your child for Kindergarten and Early Childhood programs. [For dates and locations visit the Community Engagement Events page](#) on our website. Interpreters are available at these events.

Vaccine Information/Immunization Requirements

COVID-19 vaccine clinics will run throughout the summer break. [Please continue visiting the Rappahannock Area Health District website for available dates and locations](#). This is an optional vaccine and is not required for enrollment.

Rising 7th and 12th grade immunization requirements can be submitted to your school nurse to add to your student's record. The Rappahannock Area Health District (RAHD) has asked our families to seek the required vaccines for school enrollment through your healthcare provider or local pharmacy. RAHD will provide vaccines for uninsured students.

Meal Service Adjustment May 31 - June 9

SCPS will be closed on Memorial Day, Monday, May 31, 2021. As such, meal service distribution will be slightly altered.

On Monday, May 31st, SCPS will provide CURBSIDE service at North Stafford HS, Shirley Heim MS, and Gayle MS from 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. All normal bus distribution sites will be open from 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. **There will be no evening curbside service on Monday, May 31st.** SCPS will resume normal evening curbside meal operations on Wednesday, June 2nd.

On Monday, June 7, synchronous, face-to-face instruction will take place. As such, curbside and bus meal distribution will be adjusted. There will be no curbside and bus meal service on June 7. Normal curbside and bus meal distribution will take place on Tuesday, June 8. All normal evening curbside meal operations will take place on Wednesday June 9.

Summer Meal Service

I am excited to inform you that breakfast and lunch will be free of charge to all children this summer. Students attending summer learning will receive four breakfasts and four lunches at their assigned school per week. Summer learning families may pick up meals for two additional days curbside at North Stafford, Colonial Forge, or Stafford High Schools on Wednesdays from 12:45 p.m. to 1:45 p.m.

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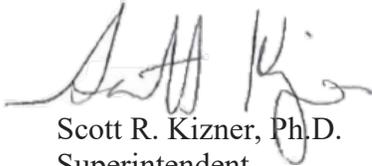
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Virtual students and all children ages 18 and below may pick up a six-day supply of breakfast and lunch curbside at North Stafford, Colonial Forge, or Stafford High Schools on Wednesdays only from 12:45 p.m. to 1:45 p.m. **There will be no community bus meal distribution over the summer.**

Monday, May 31st is Memorial Day. This American holiday honors the men and women who died while serving in the U.S. military. I thank those who have or are currently serving in the U.S. military for the sacrifices you are making.

As always, I thank all of you for your understanding, partnership, and flexibility throughout this school year. I know next school year is going to be a great one. I wish everyone a very peaceful and healthy summer break, and I hope you get time to relax and have fun with your family and friends.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Scott R. Kizner". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Scott" being the most prominent part.

Scott R. Kizner, Ph.D.
Superintendent