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Dear SCPS Families and Staff,

In a few days we will celebrate a time of thanks, and this is the perfect time to remind one another of the many reasons we have to be grateful and kind. As a school division, we are grateful for our learning community of students, staff, and families. We are grateful for your devotion to our students and programs, and for the hours and passion our teachers, paras, nutrition, transportation, custodial staff, and administrators pour into our every day operations. We are an incredible team, and have accomplished many extraordinary things during a time of great uncertainty. Your support of each other and of our students continues to radiate positivity, and I am thankful for each and every one of you.

As a reminder, SCPS is closed November 24-26 for Thanksgiving break. There is no instruction for students during this time, including those enrolled in K-12 Inc. [Students enrolled in Virtual Virginia should review the Thanksgiving break schedule for that program](#) as it differs from the official SCPS calendar.

Thanksgiving break affects our meal service distribution plan. Families participating in virtual learning may pick up breakfast and lunch curbside at North Stafford High School or Stafford High School on Tuesday, November 23, from 4-5 p.m. Meal service will not be available Wednesday, November 24.

Impact Aid

Recently, you were asked to complete an Impact Aid survey that provides our school division with federal funding based on our military and federally connected families. Our division's five year average for Impact Aid funding is more than \$1.2 million dollars. This represents a significant investment in our students, and the division only receives this funding if our families complete the survey. It is critical that our families complete this impactful information in order for the division to receive these funds.

If you have not yet [completed the Impact Aid survey in ParentVUE](#), please take a moment to work through this process. It may appear that you are re-registering your child for the school year, but rest assured that is not the case. The Impact Aid survey is built into our registration platform this year. If you are unable to complete this information electronically, you may request a paper copy of the form from your child's school. If you have any questions regarding Impact Aid, please contact Kim Washington at washingtonkj@staffordschools.net.

COVID-19 Vaccine Update and Guidance

On November 5, the federal Occupational Health and Safety Administration issued an Emergency Temporary Standard (ETS) regarding COVID-19 vaccination of employees. That ETS is presently under judicial review. Should it remain in place, the Virginia Department of Labor and Industry (DOLI) has advised employers that it must adopt a health standard that meets or exceeds the requirements of the federal ETS. SCPS will be subject to any such standard that DOLI adopts.

SCPS will continue to monitor this situation and any subsequent standard adopted by DOLI, and will comply with legal requirements as they are established.

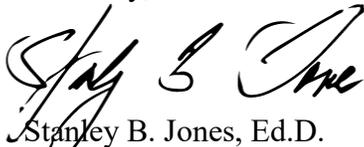
Regardless of the outcome of the regulation, we continue to encourage all staff and families to receive one of the FDA-approved vaccines for COVID-19, as part of our ongoing effort to end the pandemic and return our schools to as normal of operations as possible. Please note that you can get this vaccine through your child's health care provider or the Community Vaccine Clinic in Central Park, located at 1877 Carl D. Silver Pkwy., Fredericksburg, 22401.

Winter Weather Procedures

The temperature and leaves are dropping daily, and are a reminder that winter weather is rapidly approaching. Every weather situation will be evaluated by the weather conditions that are presented, and to make notifications clearer and easier for students, staff, and our families, SCPS will again use weather codes when making delay and closure announcements. [I invite you to become familiar with the updated weather codes posted on our website now](#), so that you are prepared when a closure, delay, or early release is announced.

I wish everyone a safe and healthy upcoming Holiday Season. I thank all of you, and the Stafford County School Board, for your support during my term as the Interim Superintendent. I encourage you to warmly welcome Dr. Thomas Taylor as our new Superintendent beginning December 1.

Sincerely,



Stanley B. Jones, Ed.D.
Interim Superintendent