



**Office of the Superintendent**

January 8, 2021

Dear Parents and Guardians,

The impact of COVID-19 cases over the holiday break is still uncertain in our area. To help us better gauge the significance of the virus on our staff and students, Stafford County Public Schools (SCPS) will extend virtual online learning for all students January 11-15, 2021. Buildings will be open for the following exceptions:

- Students who need access to Internet Cafes;
- Students who access the building for face-to-face learning with Plan C IEPs;
- Cosmetology I and II courses at both Mountain View and Stafford High Schools; and
- Firefighting students who attend classes at Station 2.

There are no changes to the learning schedule for January 11-15. Monday will remain asynchronous. Tuesday-Friday are synchronous, remote learning days for students. Due to the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday, students will return to their regularly scheduled learning model beginning January 19, 2021. Additional adjustments to the schedule will be made if warranted.

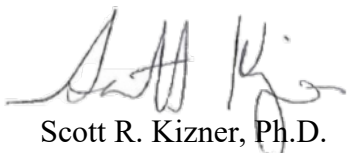
SCPS will provide regular curbside and bus meal service on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday (January 11, 13, and 15).

Providing virtual only instruction next week extends the separation window for our staff and students from the holiday break and helps mitigate the potential impact of high risk activities such as traveling and participating in gatherings outside your family structure. It remains very important that we all follow the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and Virginia Department of Health (VDH) recommended best practices to minimize the spread of the COVID-19 virus in our community. These include:

- Self-monitor for symptoms for 14 days after travel.
- If you have been exposed to someone who has tested positive for COVID-19, self-quarantine for 14 days after your last contact with that person.
- If you test positive or have symptoms of COVID-19, isolate yourself for 10 days to protect others from getting infected and follow all other [public health recommendations](#).
- It is especially important to wear a mask when around others, stay at least 6 feet from others, wash hands often, and avoid being around others who are at [increased risk of severe COVID-19](#).

Thank you for your continued support as we navigate this very fluid situation during these unprecedented times.

Sincerely,



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Superintendent