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Dear Pilot Parents, Students, Staff and Community Members,

The Fulton County School District administrators and staff are committed to doing what is best for our students and their families. Your child's education and safety are paramount to us and the board of education as we work to prepare options to meet the varied needs of our students. Realizing that in these unprecedented times, the needs of our families vary greatly and as a school, we have to work together with our parents and our community to meet these needs. While many parents need and want their children to come to school in person; others feel that their children need to learn remotely and are asking for digital learning at this time. We want you to know that we are listening to both of these needs and desires and are working diligently to develop a hybrid plan that will enable us to meet the needs of our students and their families as we begin the process of starting up school.

As you know, the start date of Fulton County Schools has been set for September 9, 2020 and that is still our first day for students. The board of education at its regular called board meeting on August 20, 2020 will vote whether or not students will return to in person school. Should the board vote for us to return to school in person on September 9th, we will begin the **Pilots Prevail Plan**, which is a hybrid plan that allows students and parents the choice between in-school or on-line learning.

We encourage our students to return to school as a growing list of experts is advocating the reopening of schools. The CDC says that the "harms attributed to closed schools on the social, emotional, and behavioral health, economic well-being, and academic achievement of children, in both the short- and long-term, are well-known and significant." The administrators, faculty and staff are anxious to see our students return to school and renew a rigorous and engaging learning experience. But for those, who for health or other related reasons, cannot return, our teachers are developing digital lessons working with digital learning software, videos, and Google Classroom to provide an equitable learning experience.

We have been working with our local health officials, federal, state, and local agencies as well as our school nurse, safety team, and janitorial service to ensure that our schools are sanitized and ready with the recommended safe guards, cleaning supplies, and personal protective gear. The school district will follow the CDC, local health department, and the Kentucky Department of Education guidelines and will conduct continuous cleaning and sanitizing both when your child is at school and after they leave to get ready for the next day. And while we encourage car riders at this time, buses will be cleaned daily and all children who ride the bus will have assigned seats and will be required to wear masks during the ride to and from school. Temperature checks will be done for everyone entering the school buildings. Precautions are in place and will be conducted to enable your child to return to their school.

For those parents who feel their children need to learn digitally, all of our staff are being trained on virtual learning and will be creating lessons and using on-line software to assigned lessons as well as using email, zoom, and phones to communicate with our students. Regular participation is required and the work will be equivalent to what students are learning in person at the school.

All students, whether learning in school or digitally, will need to be assessed through a diagnostic testing software that will enable us to assess your child and then develop an individual learning plan based on your child's needs at this time. This will enable your child to have the appropriate assignments and levels assigned and monitored to them by their teachers. Your child's teacher will be contacting you the week of August 24-28 to set up a time for on-line students to be assessed.

Please continue to check our new web site at www.fulton.kyschools.us or our Facebook page for updates as well as listen to our all call. Be prepared for a call from your child's homeroom teacher in the next two weeks. As always, if you have any questions, please contact your school principal or the board office at 270-236-3923.

Proficiency, Positive Relationships and Pilot Pride!

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