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Dear Richmond County School System (RCSS) Families,

In the first four weeks of school, our teachers and staff connect with students to understand who they are and how they learn. As our work with students continues during the pandemic, we are prepared to provide quality in-person instruction throughout this school year to help our students achieve their fullest potential. Our ongoing partnership with the Department of Public Health guides our COVID-19 response process and protocol. The RCSS COVID-19 Task Force supports our schools as they work through contact tracing and notifying public health officials of every case impacting our school system.

Though the positivity rates of COVID-19 in our schools remain low, public health data shows that community spread is increasing. Public health officials indicate that as the transmission of COVID-19 increases, it is important that our school system takes steps to slow the spread, including cleaning, sanitizing, hand washing, masking, and social distancing.

As society adjusts to these new conditions, our school system is also adapting. Our staff has committed to do what is asked to keep our students safe. Our schools and school system departments are working through staffing challenges of quarantine-related absences and open positions. We are actively recruiting substitute teachers, school nutrition staff, bus drivers, and school nurses. If you or someone you know is interested in these positions, visit [rcboe.org](http://rcboe.org) to apply.

To provide schools an opportunity to reset, all RCSS schools will transition to the Learn@Home model for two days following the Labor Day holiday. All Richmond County School System students will Learn@Home beginning **Tuesday, September 7 through Wednesday, September 8, 2021**. Students will resume in-person instruction **on Thursday, September 9, 2021**. Teachers will be available to support students during the Learn@Home days and provide instructions for students to follow during this time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kenny Bradshaw", written over a light blue horizontal line.

Dr. Kenneth Bradshaw  
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