Reopening the RCSS Update
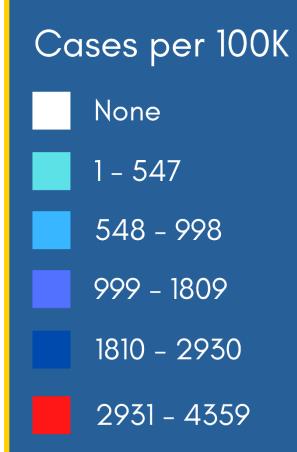
Board of Education Meeting

14 July 2020

The Initial RCSS Reopening Plan

- Followed the June 1, 2020 guidance from the Georgia Department of Public Health and the Georgia Department of Education

- Utilized survey data from parents and employees

- Considered the number of COVID-19 cases in Augusta/Richmond County

- Included an action matrix for COVID-19 cases affecting schools

- Featured face-to-face and online options for students

Richmond County COVID-19 Numbers

- As of 14 July 2020 at 3:00 p.m. (24 June Numbers)
  - Confirmed Cases: 1830 (776)
  - Number of Richmond County Residents: 202,518
  - Cases per Week Moving Average: 250 (53)
  - Cases per 100k Richmond County Residents: 905 (383)
  - Deaths per 100k Richmond County Residents: 31 (24)
  - Total Deaths: 62 (48)

Cases per 100K

⬜	None
🟦	1 – 547
🟦	548 – 998
🟦	999 – 1809
🟦	1810 – 2930
🟥	2931 – 4359

Administration Recommendation

- Hybrid
  1. Traditional/Face-to-Face/<mark>Monday - Friday</mark>
     1. Proposed Start Date: <mark>September 8, 2020</mark>
  2. Virtual Learning/K-12 Online
- Parents must commit to an option by <mark>July 27, 2020</mark>
- <mark>Early August</mark>: Review plan and staffing based on student numbers registered for traditional or virtual learning
  - Staggered schedules may be implemented based on enrollment numbers per school
- If there is a surge in COVID-19 cases…
  - Before school starts: Recommend a further delay
  - Once school has started: Transition to full-time virtual learning for PK-12

When a Child, Staff Member, or Visitor Becomes Sick at School

- Utilize the district decision tree for COVID-19 Screening as recommended by the Georgia Department of Public Health and the Georgia Department of Education.

- Follow the Georgia DPH "Return to School Guidance after COVID-19 Illness or Exposure" criteria for students and employees before they return to the building.

Enrichment Opportunities before school starts:

- Complete work in Summer Express Workbooks (Grades K-8)

- Continue to work in iReady for Reading and Math skill practice (Grades K-8)

- Continue to read and record titles in summer reading logs #RCSSReadUpChallenge (K-8)

- Log into LaunchPad, click on Edgenuity, and work on the SAT or ACT courses (grades 9-12)

- Log into LaunchPad, click on Edgenuity, and work on the "Strategies for Academic Success" course (grades 9-12)

- Log into LaunchPad, click on Canvas, and complete the Canvas Orientation Course – Available in August (all grades)

Teacher Professional Learning

- Teachers will be participating in a variety of virtual Professional Learning courses, including:
    - Recognizing and Closing Learning Gaps for Students
    - Teaching in a Virtual Setting
    - Physical Distancing and Proper Hand Hygiene
    - Routine Cleaning of High-Touch Surfaces
    - How to Talk to Children During and After COVID-19 Pandemic
    - Transitioning Back to School: Recognizing Signs of Anxiety and Depression
    - Training on Canvas, our New Learning Management System.

July 27 – September 4 Planning/Preparation

- Technology Distribution: August 17 – September 4

- Open House/Registration

- Parent Orientations

- Professional Development for Faculty and Staff

- Meal Service: Beginning August 5