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**Five Richmond County Schools Transition to Learn@Home
due to Increased COVID-19 Staff Absences**

(AUGUSTA, GEORGIA) – Richmond County School System has transitioned five schools to Learn@Home instruction due to increased COVID-19 related staff absences. The school system is committed to ensure the safest environment for its students and staff. As a result, **A. Brian Merry, Barton Chapel, Diamond Lakes, Monte Sano and Terrace Manor Elementary Schools** will transition to the Learn@Home model Monday, January 10, 2022 through Wednesday, January 12, 2022. Students will return for in-person instruction on Thursday, January 13, 2022.

Notification was sent home with students today about Learn@Home instruction.

Meals are available for pickup from the side entrance of the school cafeterias on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday between 8 a.m. – 2 p.m.

The Richmond County School System will continue to follow the guidance of public health officials to ensure current recommendations are followed to clean and disinfect our school facilities and act in the best interest of our students, teachers and staff.