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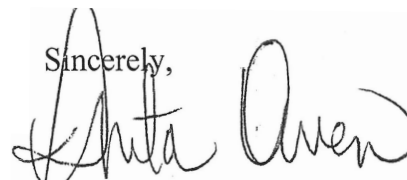
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July 23, 2020

Dear Parents,

The Stone County School District (SCSD) would like to inform you of a change that we believe is in the best interest of our students, families, faculty, and community. After consulting with state and local health experts, the SCSD is now offering a Virtual Learning option to all students who are capable of meeting the Virtual Learning Requirements (see attached Virtual Learning Requirements form). This decision is based on numerous factors related to a spike in COVID-19 numbers across our state and collaboration with state and local leaders. If you are interested in this option, please contact your child's school for more information. The form to sign-up for Virtual Learning can be printed at www.stoneschools.org or obtained at each individual school. The completed form must be returned to your child's school by Wednesday August 5th, 2020. As changes occur, we will share that information with you. Please be aware that this situation is fluid and all plans are subject to change pending mandates of the Governor, the Mississippi Department of Health, and the Center for Disease Control. These decisions are not made lightly and the SCSD is steadfastly committed to the health and safety of our students, faculty, staff and community.

Sincerely,

Inita Owen, Superintendent

Stone High School: 601-928-5492
Stone Middle School: 601-928-4876
Stone Elementary School: 601-928-5473
Perkinston Elementary School: 601-928-3380

Virtual learning deadline has been extended to WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5, 2020!!!

WHO?

All students have the option to enroll in the **VIRTUAL LEARNING** schedule as long as they have a device and access to reliable internet.

WHAT type of device is needed?

Any device that can connect to the internet and play a video will be suitable for virtual learning.

WILL my child have to be logged in all day?

No. Your child will not have to remain logged in all day. However, your child must sign in daily for attendance. Contact your child's school for schedule details.

WHEN?

All students enrolling in virtual learning must complete a *Virtual Learning Requirements* form and return it to the school where the student is registered by **Wednesday, August 5, 2020**.

Virtual learning classes begin on **Thursday, August 13, 2020**.

Do we have to submit assignments?

Yes. Assignments must be turned in by the deadline set by the teacher. Assignments will be graded and recorded.

**Virtual Learning Requirements* forms may be picked up at any school or downloaded from the SCSD website.

*Direct all questions to covid19@stoneschools.org or you may contact the administrator at any school.

Stone County School District

2020-2021 School Year

Signup Deadline Extended to Wednesday August 5th, 2020

VIRTUAL LEARNING REQUIREMENTS (Virtual Learning begins Thursday, August 13, 2020)

Please initial each item below to indicate consent.

Available upon parent request provided they are able to meet the provisions outlined by SCSD:

- _____ The Stone County School District is offering a traditional option, and I am choosing the virtual model which will follow as closely as possible the current course/schedule previously selected by my child.
- _____ **Provide your own device;** Access to **reliable Internet is required;** Must have capabilities to **scan and receive documents.**
- _____ **Attendance will be taken and documented per MDE guidelines** and will be taken either daily, by class period, or by grade level.
- _____ Students who select this option must **complete a semester** before choosing to change to the traditional in person schedule.
- _____ Your student **will be required to participate in diagnostic screenings 3 times per school year and any other state mandated assessments.** Students **may also be required** to come to the school for other classroom assessments. Parent transport will be required for any of these screeners and all mandatory assessments.
- _____ Completion of **assignments will be required, graded and must be returned** within the **assigned timeframe.**
- _____ Virtual students will be held to the same expectations for work submission and grading guidelines as traditional in-person students.
- _____ Students will “log into” their classrooms which would be broadcast either live or prerecorded via internet through Google Meet or Zoom.
- _____ Virtual students are not eligible to participate in any extracurricular activities or CTE programs.
- _____ If at any point a virtual student is deemed as being unsuccessful in this platform, a conference will be held with the school administrator/teachers to determine a change of status.

Student Name (please print) / School/Grade

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Administrator / Designee

Please list any other school-aged siblings in the same household.

_____ Student Name _____ School _____ Grade _____

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