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Montgomery County Schools Families, Staff and Community,

As you are most likely aware, last night Governor Beshear announced a new executive order concerning schools and conducting in-person instruction between now and January 4, 2021.

This executive order mandates that:

1. All public and private K-12 schools shall cease in-person instruction and transition to virtual instruction beginning November 23, 2020.
2. All middle and high schools shall remain in virtual instruction until January 4, 2021.
3. Elementary schools shall remain in virtual instruction until December 7, 2020 but can only transition back to in-person instruction if the county is not in the red zone on the state incidence rate map.

Montgomery County Schools had already announced that we would continue with virtual instruction for all students through at least November 27, 2020. The Governor's new executive order lengthens this for our elementary students by at least a week and for our middle and high school students by at least an additional three weeks. We will review the incidence rate for Montgomery County during the week of November 30<sup>th</sup> in order to determine whether we are allowed to resume in-person, hybrid instruction for our elementary students on December 7, 2020. If we remain in the red zone on Thursday, December 3, 2020, per the Governor's executive order, we will have to continue with virtual instruction for elementary students the following week.

Montgomery County Schools began offering small group and individual in-person targeted intervention services last week. The executive order does allow us to continue with this. We are committed to doing everything we can to meet the needs of our students during the time we must remain on virtual instruction. If your child is struggling in any way, please reach out to your child's teacher, school, or administrators, so we can work out a way to provide additional supports.

In order to return to in-person instruction, our county must have an incidence rate lower than 25. As we enter the week of Thanksgiving, please keep this in mind. We must stay safe in order to get our kids back in school. Thank you for your continued partnership.

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Superintendent