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Press Release:

As we continue to deal with educating our students amid the challenges of COVID 19, the McNairy County Board of Education is announcing our schedule through fall break. We have experienced a few set-backs with the return of our Kindergarten and 1st grade students for in-person learning everyday but overall the experience and the feedback from teachers and parents has been good. With a desire to return as many students to the classroom as possible and as safely as possible, we are announcing the following schedule that will be in place through October 9th.

On Monday, September 28th all in person students grades preK-5th grade will be attending each day. There will be no school on Fridays as we continue to dedicate those days for teachers to make contact and catch up with our reconnect students. Our 6th -12th grade students will continue on alternating day schedules through October 9th.

The week of October 12-15 will be our fall break. On Monday, October 19th we will be having our parent-teacher conferences. This year's conferences will be held by phone or virtually. You will be receiving more information on this format in the coming days from your school. We will be following this format in our effort to limit the number of people in our facilities to protect from the spread of COVID.

On Tuesday, October 20th all in-person students PreK-12 will begin to attend school on a Monday-Thursday schedule. Fridays will continue to be dedicated to our teachers for continuing contact with our reconnect students. We will be observing CDC guidelines and state recommendations as we return to in-person learning for all of our students. We will be observing and providing social distancing in all situations to the best of our abilities. In situations where social distancing is difficult and not possible students may be required to wear a mask. This will be the practice in certain areas such as libraries and computer labs where space is the issue.

In order to make this possible, there will have to be cooperation between all parties. Students, teachers and parents alike need to understand the challenges that are being undertaken to provide a safe and secure learning environment in these difficult times. We do have plans in place should situations arise for us to limit capacity going forward, but we are confident in our plan as we work to get to a more traditional school experience.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Greg Martin", written over a printed name.

Greg Martin

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