



School District of Pickens County

Building success beyond the classroom



November 29, 2020

Dear Parent,

I hope you enjoyed the extra time with your children during Thanksgiving this week, and I'm sure you are as eager as we are for school to begin again tomorrow.

In Pickens County, the incidence rate and positivity rate of COVID-19 is higher than ever, and the highest of any county in South Carolina. As we work to preserve our schools as safe environments for learning and working, it is extremely important that

you help us in the week to come by remembering the following:

1. Students who have [symptoms of COVID-19](#) must stay home.
2. If students have been tested for COVID-19 due to symptoms, they must stay home until they receive a negative test result or have been cleared by the school nurse to return to school.
3. Students in the household of a person who has tested positive for COVID-19 must stay home until cleared by the school nurse.

During the week before Thanksgiving, our nurses reported a marked increase in the number of students attending school who had been exposed to family members carrying COVID-19. Please remember that we can only continue to offer in-person school for as long as we have enough healthy staff members to operate. Please also be considerate of the health and safety of our students and staff.

We have just three more weeks of school to go in 2020. Let's work together to make these days safe and full of learning!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Danny B. Merck'.

Danny Merck

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