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Greetings to our Community,

We believe that learning and education are most effective when conducted in front of a well-trained, caring educator, along with one's peers. Unfortunately, due to the impact of the imposed quarantine, our students and educators have been placed in the difficult position of having to conduct that learning virtually. While all parties have done their best, it is our firm belief that virtual learning is not a sufficient alternative to a live classroom. Parents and families, many of whom may be untrained in teaching, have also been tasked with far more of the educational process than is appropriate or equitable.

As a school district, we have been working diligently to maintain learning, plan for school closing and for school's reopening, throughout the quarantine. We have had many preliminary meetings and plans for reopening school in September, which is our goal and purpose; however, we function under the authority of the Department of Education (DOE), which is under the authority of the Governor's office. At this point we have not been given sufficiently clear direction from the Governor's office, or from the DOE, as to how we will be permitted to proceed with opening of school protocols. There is much disagreement and much misinformation, at the state level, being discussed behind the scenes. Although we are highly motivated and will be prepared to open; we are highly motivated and prepared to begin athletics and co-curricular activities in the summer; we are highly motivated to return to normalcy; we cannot define to what extent we are able to open without clear state directives and guidelines.

The Governor's office has stated that guidelines are forthcoming; however, the original timeline of communicating those guidelines has changed: we do not have a clear timeframe as to when those guidelines might be communicated. The state has informed us that the plan will be similar to those of Georgia and Maryland, for which links are provided below. As soon as we are provided guidelines, we will update the community immediately. Thank you for your patience and your endurance during this most difficult time. Be well and safe: we are in this together.

Sincerely,



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<https://www.georgiainsights.com/recovery.html>

<https://marylandpublicschools.org/newsroom/Documents/MSDERecoveryPlan.pdf>