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**Dear Fairfield City Schools Family:**

I hope that you and your families are doing well as we prepare for a new year of learning.

I am writing to inform you that Fairfield City School System will begin the 2020-21 school year with virtual learning. This means that at least through the first few weeks of the school year, K-12 instruction will occur through online platforms. I will reassess after Labor Day, and determine whether conditions warrant continuing the virtual model or moving to other learning options.

The choice to begin virtually comes after lengthy discussion and guidance from Jefferson County and state health officers, state superintendent of Education, Dr. Eric Mackey, and feedback from parents and educators. I greatly appreciate the concerns you have expressed for your children and families. Based on the information received from all sources, I strongly believe that a virtual start is simply the best way for the District to protect the safety of students and school employees given the state of the current health pandemic.

As part of our commitment to providing quality education to all students, Fairfield City Schools has purchased enough new laptops to provide one to one service. This means a laptop will be available for each student to have one, regardless of how many students may be members of the same family! Beginning Monday, our teachers will undergo intense training on their virtual platforms.

The virtual restart plan was explained to the Fairfield City Board of Education during last night's board meeting and was supported by boardmembers. But, as your superintendent, it is important that you hear from me directly.

Additionally, please make plans to attend **tomorrow's Virtual Town Hall Meeting @ 5:30 pm on Zoom**. It will be livestreamed on the Fairfield City School District's Facebook page. I strongly encourage you to attend, so that you can not only receive more in depth details on what to expect this school year, but I invite you to ask any questions and voice concerns you may have about reopening school.

As a reminder, if you have not completed registration, please do so immediately. We need to know whether your child will be attending Fairfield City Schools will be a great help in securing them the necessary resources they need this year.

I truly appreciate your partnership as we work to provide a safe and quality education to all students. I hope you will join us tomorrow night.

Sincerely,

*Dr. Regina Thompson*  
Superintendent