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GCCC Parents and Guardians,

On behalf of the Career Center Board of Education, Administration and staff, I wanted to thank you for your patience and flexibility this year as we have worked through very unusual issues related to COVID at the Career Center and across the nation. With our original GCCC schedule, our main priorities were the safety of students/staff and a desire to keep students accessible to their hands on lab experiences. I am proud to say that the Greene County Career Center was able to remain open for most all lab instruction for the entire first semester. The numbers of students testing positive for COVID here at the Career Center have remained very low and all of our affected students have reported minimal symptoms and seem to have quickly recovered.

Last week, the Governor removed the quarantine requirement for students exposed to a positive COVID individual in schools as long as masks and safety protocols are being adhered to at the time of direct contact. This is a significant change and great news for us at GCCC as it will help us keep students who are at very low risk of contracting the virus in our schools at a time when our students are preparing to return to all day, every day instruction. As a result, of this change at the state level, we have parents wanting to switch back to full time instruction. If you are interested in this switch, please contact Mrs. Ginny Potter at 937-372-6941 ext. 1156 prior to January 12, 2021.

For those students returning in person, teachers are excited to fill their classrooms with students and look forward to helping students learn in-person. For students who plan to continue remote academic instruction, we will be using a software product called Edmentum, which offers intense self-paced online courses that will be monitored by teachers at GCCC but is very much student directed. This will involve higher levels of accountability for work completion, meeting certain timelines with assignments etc. than what students are accustomed to from the first semester. More details will follow regarding the new online option for those students permitted and choosing to use the remote option for their academics. Lab instruction will continue as all day experiences on rotating days.

In addition, due to some CAD day cancellations by some of our home school districts, I wanted to explain some changes we are implementing regarding the second semester. After much

planning and consideration, our administrative team has determined to use Friday, January 15<sup>th</sup> the last day of the second quarter, as an intervention day for any students missing assignments or at risk of not passing any of their 1<sup>st</sup> semester classes. Mrs. Potter and/or Dr. Downing will also be sharing information with all of you in the next day or so about how this will unfold. Please urge your child to take advantage of this opportunity if they are struggling or failing any of their classes at this time.

In addition, because Tuesday, January 19 (originally the first student day of the second semester) would be the only day in full session for that entire week due to CAD days, we are now planning to use January 19 as an In-Service day for teachers, so it will become a non-student day. This will allow us to work solely with staff on that day to provide them with professional development that will help us better prepare for the CAD days and for the **full return of all students, which will now occur on Monday, January 25<sup>th</sup>**. The CAD day expectations will otherwise remain in effect. This allows us a more logical full return, but also gives us a day to work with staff to help them prepare for a unique new schedule when all students return on January 25.

Please watch for information from Mrs. Potter and/or Dr. Downing with more details, explanations, and thank you for the understanding and the grace you have extended us here at the Career Center during such trying and changing circumstances related to the pandemic.

Dave Deskins

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dave Deskins', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Superintendent