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Davie County Schools Offers Vaccinations to Employees and Continues Thoughtful Planning For a Safe and Secure Future

Davie County Schools is among a handful of districts in the area who have been balancing the everyday rigors of in-person and remote learning since August 17. While students and staff are doing remarkably well, Davie County Schools refuses to accept that this is the new normal. The leadership team is eager to resume classes as they once were and continues looking forward, taking advantage of new opportunities for the safest environment possible in schools. One important step in this effort is to ensure vaccines are available for all employees of Davie County Schools.

Superintendent Jeff Wallace has partnered with Davie County Health and Human Services Director, Suzanne Wright to secure vaccines for Davie County Schools' employees. "This is the next step our community is taking for a healthier future," said Superintendent Jeff Wallace. "As one of the county's largest employers, we have an obligation to our staff, students and community to put forth the needed effort to ensure vaccines are available for our employees. We are offering vaccines for safer, healthier schools and communities." Davie County Schools and Davie County Department of Health and Human Services will be vaccinating employees on Wednesday, January 27, adding to the long list of community members who have already been vaccinated. The second vaccine for employees will be on Friday, February 19. Given the concerns for possible side effects with the second vaccine, Friday, February 19 will be a remote learning day for Davie County Schools, with more communications to come for families.

While continuing to thoughtfully plan for the future, school leadership stresses the importance of taking a look back at the past few months, and recognizing the contributions and accomplishments of all DCS staff. "Our staff has been working harder than ever," said Superintendent Wallace. "Teachers, custodians, nurses, bus drivers, administration and support staff; I am proud of our hard-working staff. They are all contributing their talents and expertise to the benefit of our children. We've proven that we can do anything when we lean on one another and work together. I can't tell them enough how much I appreciate what they do every day."

Since the pandemic began, the DCS School Nutrition staff has served approximately 4,500 meals a day to children. Over 1,000 devices have been provided for students and Wi-Fi connection points and community partnerships are increasing internet accessibility. Safety protocols and health screenings continue in all schools every day. While academic performance continues to be a challenge for school districts around the state, Davie County Schools is dedicated to sharing curriculum, mental health, and safety resources with families, including weekly updates on COVID cases in schools. "We are making a strong effort to dot our I's



and cross our T's, making sure we are doing everything we possibly can for our students, staff and families," said Wallace. "We are committed to their success and that starts with a healthy, safe and secure learning and working environment."

Davie County Schools (DCS) serves Pre-K and K-12 students in the Piedmont Triad, just west of Winston-Salem. DCS includes 6 elementary schools, 3 middle schools, Davie County High School, Davie County Early College High School, Central Davie Academy, and DCS Virtual, with a mission to engage, equip, and empower students. DCS provides a safe, innovative learning environment where each individual is valued, respected, and challenged. An engaging staff and community ensure students learn, grow, create, and discover their talents through experiences that prepare them for success. Home to the War Eagles, Davie County High School is a member of the Central Piedmont 4-A Conference, offering competitive and well-rounded experiences for student-athletes.

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