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TO: Board of Education

FROM: Dale Ellis

DATE: July 12, 2021

SUBJ: 2021-2022 School Year Covid Protocols (ACTION ITEM)

As guidance for the operation of our school system for the school year, 2021-2022, I make the following recommendations for your approval:

1) Montgomery County Schools will operate on a "Plan A" schedule for 5 days per week, Monday thru Friday, as outlined in the calendars approved by the Montgomery County Board of Education (business as usual).
2) Montgomery County Schools will follow any lawful Executive Order or associated General Statute in relation to the wearing of masks while inside public school buildings.
3) Pursuant to SB220, I request authority from the Board of Education to shift individual classrooms and/or grade levels, as appropriate, to remote instruction if warranted due to Covid-19 exposures. I would provide the required 72 hours' notice under this scenario to the Department of Public Instruction and the Governor's Office. I further request the authority to shift an entire school to remote instruction, provided that following the shift, an emergency Board of Education meeting be called so that I may provide you the justification for the shift and receive your blessing as to continuing the shift, to select a duration for the shift, or returning the school to in-person instruction. This emergency meeting would be convened within that 72-hour window so the notification requirements can be met.

I am available to answer any questions you might have.