



# SOUTHERN FULTON SCHOOL DISTRICT

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**TARA WILL**  
 Superintendent

**ALLEN MORTON**  
 Board President

Dear Parents,

Due to our high transmission rates and rising cases of Covid within our district, the decision has been made to move to remote learning for the health and safety of our students. Virtual learning will commence on Monday, September 20, 2021, with a return date of Monday, October 4, 2021. This includes the suspension of all sports and extracurricular activities.

The rationale for this decision is as follows:

1. The health and safety of our students is a priority and a school closure will mitigate the spread of the virus any further.
2. We are committed to a top-notch education and switching to virtual learning will provide a consistent platform for all learners.
3. The level of transmission within our schools as well as the community level of transmission is at an all-time high. From August 30 to September 17, there are 275 reported cases in the County. That's an average of 14.47 per day, which is higher than we experienced back in December and January. There have been 52 cases the last 3 days, for an average of 17.3 per day. Again, these numbers surpass the average of 10 per day back in the height of the pandemic, when there wasn't a vaccine available.
4. The closure will allow for both buildings to receive a thorough deep cleaning.

SFSD Active Case Counts		9/17/2021
<b>Elementary</b>		
	<b>Staff</b>	<b>Students</b>
<b>Positive</b>	1	5
<b>Quarantine</b>	7	62
<b>High School</b>		
	<b>Staff</b>	<b>Students</b>
<b>Positive</b>	2	17
<b>Quarantine</b>	6	88
<b>District (Assigned to both ES and HS)</b>		
	<b>Staff</b>	<b>Transportation</b>
<b>Positive</b>	1	1
<b>Quarantine</b>	0	3
*these numbers are approximate and my change on a daily basis		

These decisions are never easy because we all agree that in-person instruction is the best learning environment for our children.

If you have no internet access, please contact Jennifer Mellott at the Southern Fulton District office at (717)294-2203 ext.207 or in person on Saturday, September 18, 2021, from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm.

Truly yours in education,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tara Will". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'T'.

Tara Will  
Superintendent