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DATE: June 24, 2021
TO: Parents & Guardians of Covington City Public Schools
FROM: Melinda Snead-Johnson, Division Superintendent *Melinda Snead-Johnson*
RE: Thank You For Your Support!

On behalf of the Covington City School Board, I would like to thank each family for their support during the 2020-2021 school year. Your flexibility during the times that required the schools to pivot to virtual learning, your assistance when schools needed to have students quarantine to keep down the spread of COVID, your assistance with transporting your students to school when it was necessary for us to limit the number of students on buses due to COVID requirements, and your vigilance in monitoring your students' health was necessary to keep everyone safe and healthy while providing the instructional services for our students. Following all health mitigations strategies (mask wearing, temperature taking, washing hands, and contacting the school nurse, etc.) greatly assisted us in complying with mandates from our health officials. Families' assistance with the virtual learning and utilization of Chromebooks was a new experience for all of us. You are to be commended for your endeavors to keep the instructional process throughout the course of the school year.

On June 14, 2021, Covington City School Board approved the division instructional plan for 2021-2022 (back page of this correspondence). We are preparing to open the academic school year on August 25 (first day of student instruction) as described in this instructional plan. Please continue to listen for updates as we get closer to the opening of school from your child's school.

We wish you and your family a healthy and safe summer.

Summer Feeding Program: Please take note of our summer feeding program as listed on our website: www.covington.k12.va.us.

Covington City Public Schools
Division Instructional Plan – 2021-2022
(as of June 2021)

Edgemont Primary School, Jeter-Watson Intermediate School, and Covington High School plan to operate five days per week for in-person instruction during the 2021-2022 academic school year. Once state testing is completed this month and grades are finalized for all students, student results will be analyzed and appropriate instructional procedures will be discussed to incorporate in the 2021-2022 academic year. School staff and division leadership will determine remediation opportunities to accommodate learning loss due to the pandemic. Remediation opportunities may include but are not limited to the following: EPS Title I staff will focus on reading and math; JWIS staff will use a combination of *iReady* math and *Edgenuity* courses for intervention; CHS will use *Edgenuity* booster courses in multiple subjects. Additionally, *Virtual Virginia* is offering free courses for credit recovery for grades 6-12. CHS and JWIS will build time during the school day to allow some students to recover academic content lost due to virtual learning and the pandemic.

Concerning virtual learning, current virtual students in grades 6-12 must complete an application if they are interested in continuing virtual learning during the 2021-2022 academic year. Virtual learning will not be conducted by Covington City teachers; instead *Virtual Virginia* will be used and ALL instruction will be synchronous. Applications submitted for virtual learning will be evaluated and the CCPS administrative staff will make the final determination. A copy of the application is available on the CCPS division web site.