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Dear Parents and Families,

Though we ended the semester in December with one of the lowest COVID rates among our school population in nearly two years, as students have returned from the holiday break, two of our schools are now faced with high rates of both isolation and, as a result, quarantine. In an effort to slow the spread of the virus, and in compliance with the procedures adopted by the Walthall County School District and the MS Department of Health, Tylertown Primary School and Salem Attendance Center will temporarily dismiss traditional instruction. These two campuses will resume with traditional instruction on Monday, January 24, 2022. We recognize that this will create inconveniences but following guidance of the Department of Health and lengthy discussions with the district Health and Safety Committee, and numerous health care professionals, this is the best decision to make in this situation.

During this temporary school-wide dismissal, faculty will report to campus and will continue to provide full daily instruction via virtual learning platforms. Students must utilize the technology provided to them by the district for virtual learning, logging in daily, and participating in class virtually. Teachers will communicate with students and families directly via SchoolStatus and Google Classroom. Due to the scheduled holidays, this temporary dismissal results in only *four* virtual days being required -Tuesday, January 18<sup>th</sup> through Friday, January 21<sup>st</sup>. Please do your best to see that your student is engaging in instruction with their teacher.

Though we are all weary of dealing with COVID, it is important that you work with your student and encourage them to honor the concept of social distancing to the maximum extent possible. It appears that the policies and procedures the district has in place had contributed to the lowest rates of isolation and quarantine in nearly two years, however after spending two weeks at home during Christmas break, the numbers have skyrocketed. Please help us make sure that this does not become a repetitive cycle by limiting your student's interactions as appropriate and encouraging all other proven strategies such as hand washing, mask wearing, etc.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Wade L. Carney".

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