

BOARDROOM REVIEW

Garrett County Board of Education

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Board of Education Members: Mr. M. Thomas Woods, President; Mrs. Monica Rinker, Vice President; Mr. Rodney Glotfelty, Dr. Matthew Paugh, Mr. Jason VanSickle, Associate Members; Mr. Jarrett M. Miller, Student Member; Ms. Barbara L. Baker, Superintendent; Mr. Brandon Hoover, Attorney

The meeting was live-streamed, but closed to the public, due to COVID-19 and Governor Hogan's executive orders prohibiting public gatherings.

PUBLIC SESSION

Continuing Business

GCPS Reopening Plan Update

- Ms. Barbara Baker, Superintendent, discussed the GCPS Reopening Plan with the Board.
- Ms. Baker's recommendation is listed below:
 - Beginning February 22, 2021, return all teachers and staff to the buildings.
 - Beginning March 1, 2021, Pre-Kindergarten, Kindergarten, First Grade, and other Identified Students will be invited back to the classroom for four full days per week, with Wednesdays remaining asynchronous learning. The Identified Students will be determined by the principals of each school in conjunction with the appropriate education directors. All other students will remain in virtual instruction until March 15.
 - Beginning March 15, 2021, all students will be invited back to the classroom for four full days per week, with Wednesdays remaining asynchronous learning. This method replaces the Yellow Hybrid Learning model.
 - The Blue (all virtual) option will remain in place for all students who wish to use it for the balance of the school year.
 - However, since all students will have the option for in-person learning, the expectations for all students relating to eligibility, attendance, and grading will change on March 15. Those changes can be found in the document: *Return to School Expectations Spring 2021*. (This document will be released on February 3, 2021.)
- The Board unanimously voted to accept the Superintendent's recommendation for returning to school.

Next Meeting

- The next regular meeting of the Board of Education will be Tuesday, February 9, 2021. Details will be announced prior to the meeting.