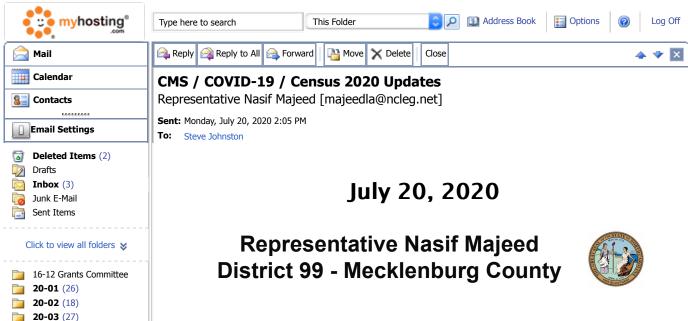
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Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools [CMS] **Board of Education Approves Plan for** Opening 2020-2021 School Year

Peace. As we get ready to enter this school year, we must be prepared to adjust to make sure this balance between quality instruction and individual health is protected. School districts should make the proper choice in consultation with parents and teachers. Last week the Governor said that if COVID-19 numbers continue to climb, the state and districts have the right to do what's right for the students and families in their districts.

[From the CMS Website]

The Charlotte-Mecklenburg Board of Education approved Plan B-Plus Remote for reopening schools on August 17. In Plan B-Plus Remote, CMS students will attend school in-person on a rotational basis during the first two weeks of school; beginning in week three, all students will receive remote instruction only.

The onboarding period will consist of students being assigned to one of three groups; one-third of students will be assigned to group A, the next one-third will be assigned to group B, and the next one-third to group C. Students will attend in-person onboarding instruction on their group's assigned days within the first two weeks of the school year.

After the onboarding days, Plan B-Plus Remote will offer a remote learning environment for all students, which also provides the flexibility for more teachers and staff to work remotely. Starting in week three - when remote learning begins - students will not receive in-person instruction. CMS buildings will be open for staff for essential functions.

A full remote-learning option may be selected by parents who have concerns about sending their students to school during continued pandemic conditions. More information about this option, including how and when to

enroll, will be shared soon.

CMS plans a robust remote-learning experience, using best practices learned in the fourth quarter of the last school year and in the months since. District leaders and teachers have collaborated with education experts from across the country to prepare a more rigorous and engaging remote-learning program for all students at all grade levels.

CMS will communicate additional details about the plan in the coming days and weeks. Parents are encouraged to update their contact information with their schools to ensure they receive this timely information. Parents should also expect to receive information from their child's school with specific information related to the first two weeks of school.

The CMS Call Center – **980-343-3001** – is prepared to field questions, concerns and comments about the operational plan.

COVID-19 UPDATE

Citing rising case numbers and hospitalizations, Governor Cooper announced last Tuesday that North Carolina will remain in Safer At Home Phase Two for three more weeks.

I feel tremendously for businesses that are closed and for businesses that are open, but are failing. Until the public health situation improves, consumers will not resume normal spending patterns and our businesses will suffer. We have to control the spread of COVID-19.

There are now 101,046 COVID-19 cases in North Carolina, with 1,086 people hospitalized, and 1,642 confirmed deaths.

Mecklenburg County has 17,571 cases with 174 confirmed deaths. Those numbers are way too high but with your help we can get them under control, simply by following guidelines set up by the CDC and our local officials.

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Center for Disease Control

<u>CDC's Ways to Prevent Getting Sick</u> There are measures that we all can take in order to protect ourselves and others from getting sick.

<u>CDC's What to Do if You Are Sick</u> Learn what to do next if you think you are sick. Click Here to see on what to do and what not to do if this happens to you.

<u>CDC's Guidance for Older Adults and COVID-19</u> Trends have shown older adults and people with pre-existing medical condition are more prone to develop serious complications from the COVID-19 illness.

<u>CDC's 10 ways to manage your symptoms at home</u> Vital instructions on what to do if you have confirmed or possible COVID19.

<u>CDC's Running Essential Errands</u> The following information provides advice about how to meet new challenges and contains answers about meeting basic household needs in a safe and healthy way.

The full DHHS Data Dashboard with all of our metrics is available here: <u>https://covid19.ncdhhs.gov/dashboard</u>



Completing the survey is quick and easy to do. You can complete your Census questionnaire online, by phone or on paper. By using your phone, tablet or computer, or simply grabbing a pencil or pen, you can complete the questionnaire, spending less than 10 minutes on what can impact your community in the next 10 years.

The process is safe, easy and important and you can respond in one of three ways:

- Online by visiting my2020census.gov.
- By phone by calling **1-800-923-8282**. For information on language support, click <u>here</u> for a listing of telephone numbers.
- Via <u>mail</u>

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