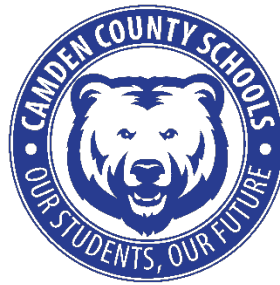


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Dr. Joe Ferrell, Superintendent

March 18, 2020

Superintendent's Opening Remarks

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

Thank you for your continued support of Camden County Schools during this very difficult time in our school system and our nation. As you know, these are uncharted waters and the vast amount of rapidly changing information can be overwhelming. Our goal during the school closure time period is to provide you with as much factual information as we have, support our students as best we can, and keep things as calm as possible. We have three main goals:

- 1 - Continuing to educate students
- 2 - Providing child nutrition services
- 3 - Student well-being

To that end, I hope you find the information that follows helpful. Please reach out to me if I can be of support during the school closure time period at 252.335.0831.

Contact Information:

It is important to know that our school district is NOT closed for the next two weeks and our commitment to students has not lessened. The Governor's Emergency Declaration has mandated that facilities are closed to student instruction for the period March 16 to March 30. During this time, we will have limited staff in the buildings.

MISSION STATEMENT

Camden County Schools will equip all learners with knowledge, skills, and values to reach their maximum potential and encompass characteristics of our Profile of a Graduate.

With that said, I would like share contact numbers with you. Hours of operation will be Monday through Thursday, 7:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. and Friday 7:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Hours of operation are subject to change as mandates are received and implemented.

Grandy Primary School	252.331.4838
Camden Intermediate School	252.335.7808
Camden Middle School	252.338.3349
Camden County High School	252.338.0114
Camden Early College High School	252.335.7219
Central Office General Information	252.335.0831, extension 100
Food Services Information	252.335.0831, extension 122
Technical Support	252.335.0831, extension 124
Academic Support	252.335.0831, extension 111
Counseling Support <i>and</i> Mental Health Support/Safety	252.335.0831, extension 105
Say Something	1.844.5.SAYNOW (1.844.572.9669)
Employee Assistant Program	1.800.899.8174
Human Resources	252.335.0831, extension 103

Food Services

Beginning Monday, March 23, 2020, our Child Nutrition team will have bag lunches packed for parents and caretakers to pick up for children in the county. This will be a cold lunch including a sandwich (with ham, turkey or peanut butter as the protein), vegetables, fruit, and milk. The distribution process will be "grab and go" from our Grandy Primary cafeteria. Meals will be available for pickup each week day beginning at 11:30 a.m. and ending at 1:00 p.m. Grandy is located at 175 NC Highway 343 North, Camden. A sign will identify the entrance. We ask that you use the designated entrance for pickup.

Food Donations/Contributions

Each of our schools has a food pantry for its students. If you are interested in donating to any of our food pantries, please contact the school of your choice for information on how to make your donation.

Academic Support/At-Home Learning Plans

Please see the *K-6 Parent Letter and Academic Learning Plan* for Elementary At-Home Learning Plan which will be implemented March 23, 2020 through March 30, 2020.

Please see the *7-12 Parent Letter and Academic Learning Plan* for secondary students which will be implemented March 23, 2020 through March 30, 2020.

Thanks.

[CCS Elementary Learning Plan Parent Letter](#)

[CCS Secondary Learning Plan Parent Letter](#)

Exceptional Children

The district will be providing academic learning activities for all students. We will provide options for accessing these activities via differentiation and modification in coordination with EC staff. As more guidance comes from the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction EC Divisions regarding school closures, our district will share information as it relates to Individualized Education Programs (IEPs), timelines, and child count items.

Social Worker

Our Social Worker, Alysia Mizelle, has created a Google classroom called *Relax and Chill* to help anyone who may be dealing with mental health issues and in need of activities to help with stress. This link will also be available for our students.

<https://classroom.google.com/u/3/c/NjExNjM5MjA2Nzda/a/NjExNjk0NTEyNzZa/details>

Miscellaneous

With the exception of parents/caregivers picking up lunches or devices for their students, our facilities are closed to the public. This closure includes all **Facility Use Rental Agreements** previously approved effective Monday, March 23, 2020 until Monday, April 20, 2020. School business (functions such as student registrations and documentation pickups, etc.) will be postponed until further notice. We are in the process of working with our staff and contracted custodial staff to deep clean our facilities, furniture and equipment. It is important that our facilities be restricted with the exception of designated areas until further notice.

- Please pay close attention to information sent from the principal of your student's school. Selective information per school will be necessary during this time of closure considering the needs of students at each school varies based on age and academic requirements.
- Following is a link to CDC recommendations:
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prepare/prevention.html>

Superintendent's Closing Remarks:

Thank you, again, for your support during these extremely turbulent times. Please know that I will send out information to you as necessary during the school closure time period. I also encourage you to check our website and follow us on social media outlets for update information. Be well.

Sincerely,
Joe Ferrell, Ed.D
Superintendent