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Birmingham School Board Approves New Start for 2020-21 Academic Year

Remote teaching and learning to begin after Labor Day

BIRMINGHAM – Students in Birmingham City Schools will begin the 2020-21 academic year on Tuesday, September 8, the day after Labor Day. The Birmingham Board of Education approved the change at its regular meeting on August 11.

The start date previously was set for August 24. Interim Superintendent Dr. Mark Sullivan said the change will allow more time for educators to prepare for remote teaching and for the district to put in place a system to distribute thousands of electronic devices.

“This is going to be an exciting, yet unprecedented year of teaching and learning in Birmingham City Schools,” said Dr. Sullivan. “Our team has been working throughout the summer to get the resources in place for the start of the academic year. We also have made an aggressive push to encourage families to register.”

Sullivan said more than half of the district’s 22,000 students have registered, and the goal is to have all students registered by August 15.

“Registration is imperative,” Sullivan said. “Each student will be assigned an electronic device. Only students who are registered will be issued a device.”

This year, all registration tasks can be completed online. For more information, go to www.bhamcityschools.org.