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Dear BCS Families,

As you know Birmingham City Schools is committed to providing the best education for all of our scholars in the safest environment. The current COVID-19 global pandemic is drastically impacting our community and our schools, requiring that we return to full remote learning for the two weeks beginning Monday, Dec. 7. Following the winter holiday break, we will reassess the impact of the pandemic and decide on our next steps.

While we realize many students have enjoyed in-person learning, we feel that our remote model is the best option at this time. The number of positive COVID-19 cases has increased, and currently Jefferson County is experiencing a positive test rate of 11.4 percent. Public health officials project additional increases in the coming weeks. Our students and faculty are not immune from these spikes. We are seeing an uptick in the number of positive cases throughout the district among our students, faculty and staff.

Under our remote learning plan, students still will have full access to high quality instruction, and we will continue serving hot meals every school day. Scholars will work in virtual classrooms with their teachers Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. On Wednesdays, students will work independently or participate in projects at the direction of their teachers. Also, teachers will be available for office hours on Wednesdays.

Thank you for supporting Birmingham City Schools and entrusting your child's educational development to us. We look forward to your scholar's continued success, and we are excited about what the new year holds for all of us.

Sincerely,

Mark A. Sullivan, Ed. D.
Superintendent