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Dear Parents and Guardians:

Families will have an opportunity to change their children's mode of instruction for the 4th marking period, which begins on Friday, April 9.

- If your child is currently participating in fully virtual instruction and would like to return to school for hybrid instruction on Monday, April 12, and <u>ride the bus to school</u>, you must notify the main office secretary at your child's school by Friday, March 19. If you do not make the change by March 19, your child will not be able to ride the school bus when revised routes go into effect on April 12.
- If your child is currently participating in fully virtual instruction and would like to return to school for hybrid instruction on Monday, April 12, and will NOT ride the bus, please notify the main office secretary at your child's school by March 23. Schools need time to ensure that class size parameters are met.
- If your child is currently participating in fully virtual instruction and would like to return to school for hybrid instruction after the start of the 4th marking period, schools will accept requests through April 30 <u>OR</u> until the maximum classroom capacity is reached. The health and safety of students and staff continue to be paramount as we return to the hybrid model. Bus transportation will not be available for students who request to attend school for hybrid instruction after March 19.
- If your child is currently attending school for hybrid instruction and would like to resume fully virtual learning, you may make this change at any time by notifying the main office secretary at your child's school.
- If you do not wish to make any changes for your child, you do not need to take any action.
- **ELEMENTARY FAMILIES:** Schools cannot guarantee the same class or teacher for students who change learning mode.

Schedule Reminder for Grades 9-12

Wednesday, March 24, is an asynchronous learning day for high schools only. Juniors who registered with their school will take the SAT that day.

Laptop Reminder for Students in Grades 6-12

If your child is attending school for hybrid instruction, please make sure his or her laptop is fully charged every day.

Mask Safety for All Grades

We would also like to take this opportunity to remind students to wear a well-fitting mask to school every day. Students who returned (or will return) for face-to-face instruction were given a cloth face mask with their school logo. They may wear that mask or another personal mask. Masks must cover both the mouth and nose. If a mask falls below your child's nose, adjust the length of the ear loops.

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We continue to work in cooperation with the Calvert County Health Department and in doing so have determined that face masks do not include "gaiters," tee-shirts pulled over the face, or bandana-style coverings. In accordance with CDC guidelines, the Health Department also does not recommend masks with valves or vents because this type of mask does not prevent the person wearing the mask from transmitting COVID-19 to others.

All masks must be consistent with the expectations in the Code of Conduct and shall not convey symbols or messages generally accepted to promote intolerance, hate, racial slurs, gang affiliation nor depict and/or advertise drugs, alcohol, tobacco, (vaping), violence, sex, or vulgarity.