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Dear Baldwin County School District Families,

Thank you for your continued patience and understanding as we work to finalize a plan for how the Baldwin County School District will welcome students back for the 2020-2021 school year. At a Called Board meeting on Tuesday, July 28, 2020, the board approved the recommendation to delay the start of the 2020-2021 school year until Wednesday, August 19, 2020.

This extended delay to school starting will provide us extra time to assist parents who have experienced some difficulties during the instructional model selection process. It has come to our attention that many of our parents had a hard time using our Infinite Campus Parent Portal to select the instructional model they prefer for their child. As a result, our data shows that we still have 60% of our students whose parents did not choose an instructional model. Consequently, this creates a challenge for the start of the school year because of the inaccurate count of students participating in traditional in-person instruction or remote learning. The additional time provided by delaying the start date to August 19th will give us ample time to reach out to our parents and offer assistance in choosing the instructional learning model that best meets the academic needs of your children.

We have scheduled two Parent Informational Meetings on Tuesday, August 4, at noon and 5:30 p.m. The purpose of these informational sessions is to provide an opportunity for parents to learn more about remote learning and the Baldwin Online Academy and to clarify any confusion about what each option offers. Each meeting will be held virtually via Zoom and Facebook Live.

As we continue to navigate through these unprecedented times, the health and safety of our students and employees will continue to be our top priority. The faculty and staff will be using

the additional time to become better equipped on implementing new safety protocols for preventing the spread of the coronavirus. Protocols are based on CDC recommendations and guidance from the Georgia Department of Education (GaDOE) and the Department of Public Health (DPH). Also, during this extended time before school starts, faculty and staff will participate in professional learning activities centered on social-emotional learning, remote learning, teaching and learning, and cultural diversity. Once again, thank you for your continued patience as we work our way through these unsettling times together.

Sincerely,

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Superintendent of Schools