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Crockett County families and staff,

We have learned a lot since we closed schools last spring for COVID. Through difficulties and successes, our teachers and staff navigated the situation with a passion to reach, serve, and close the gap between our schools and our students at home. I am so thankful for the persistence and passion of our staff at Crockett County Schools.

We also learned you can't replace in person learning for our students and our families in Crockett County.

Parents, thank you for completing the school surveys and expressing concerns, questions, and options for your child. During these difficult planning stages for school reopening, our priority has been and will continue to be the safety and well-being of our students and staff. In creating our reopening plan, we have consulted with the Department of Health, Department of Education, the State Board of Education, local and state government entities and guidance from the CDC.

That being said, it is important to understand that school will look different. It is our intention to follow all guidelines to the extent possible while educating students in our buildings by controlling the environment when reasonable to do so.

The plan will be released next week, July 22, and must evolve with changing health guidelines, so it is subject to change.

For now, we are excited to welcome our students and educators back to school and are committed to doing it safely. As of today, our start date is August 3 using an alternate schedule by grade level. Next week you will receive a schedule for your child. Students will follow this schedule for the first two weeks. Please understand we are safely re-entering school following new procedures for every part of the school day.

We are currently working on a Virtual Learning Academy for those wanting to explore a virtual option. Demonstrations of this option will be made available for parents. When we have secured a contract and have our option in place, we will post links on our district and school websites and social media outlets.

Personally, I want to thank everyone for their involvement in this process. Parents and teachers – your survey feedback was invaluable. Principals, teachers, and staff have spent countless hours going over the plan, adjusting the smallest of details required to provide maximum student growth and safety considerations for everyone involved in our school.

Lastly, I am asking you in advance for your patience and understanding as we reopen in Crockett County. We have a lot of moving parts from registration, transportation, scheduling adjustments, virtual learning and extracurricular activities. Don't forget this has never been done before, and we will persist through any adversity in order to do what is best for our kids. After reviewing the plan, if you have any questions, please email me or contact my office.

Respectfully,

Phillip A. Pratt