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Superintendent L. Wayne Vickers, Ed.D.

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Dear Parents/Guardians of Students in Alabaster City Schools:

Our approach to dealing with the concerns associated with COVID-19 (coronavirus) is very fluid based on the rapidly changing landscape. With the health and well-being of our students and staff as our top priority, we are following guidance from Governor Ivey, Centers for Disease Control, Alabama Department of Public Health, and the Alabama State Department of Education. <u>As a reminder, Alabaster City Schools will remain closed and will tentatively reopen on April 6</u>. All extracurricular activities will be canceled during this time.

School officials realize that travel plans for Spring Break were made far in advance of this health crisis. Nevertheless, we urge you to follow all travel guidelines and other recommendations made by the CDC to avoid contracting COVID-19: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/index.html

In addition, we are putting in place several precautions as students and employees transition back into classrooms after the break. We have developed the following "Return to School Guidelines" that we believe are necessary to safeguard the health of all. Many of these guidelines are recommendations currently set forth by the Centers for Disease Control. However, please note that these could change as the situation evolves.

Return to School Guidelines:

- If your child comes into contact with a known carrier of COVID-19, do not send your child back to school after the break until he/she is cleared from a doctor to return back to school. It is suggested to contact your physician for further guidance. To minimize the spread of the virus, please notify us at www.acsboe.org/covid-19.
- If your **child is confirmed to have contracted coronavirus,** he/she will need written clearance from your physician before returning to school. Please notify us if your child has tested positive for COVID-19 at www.acsboe.org/covid-19.

Similar guidelines will be in place for employees. Our hope is that these extra precautions will help eliminate or, at least, reduce the chances of the virus spreading. As new developments take place, we will provide updated information. For the most current information, please visit our website. We also encourage you to consult the CDC website at https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus for reliable information on what you can do to protect yourself and your family. Thank you for your cooperation as we navigate this unprecedented situation.

Sincerely,

L. Wayne Vickers, Ed.D.