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SPECIAL NOTICE REGARDING OZARK CITY SCHOOLS

On August 3rd the Ozark City Board of Education approved a resolution that will delay the start of school for students until **September 8.** The recent increase in COVID-19 cases, the requirement to wear masks, and the availability of the internet voucher program to qualifying households prior to September 1, were all reasons for the decision. Another factor was the concern for the health and safety of our staff and students.

On September 8, all students in Ozark will begin school using a remote form of online instruction. Students will work in this remote learning environment until further notice. There will be occasions when a student needs to report to school to participate in an assessment, receive remedial assistance, or interact with a teacher for some other reason. School buses will be available to bring the students to school, if necessary for these meetings. This will be done in small groups to allow for appropriate safety concerns. While this decision will extend the school year some, it is anticipated that the final day of school will not be later than June 4, 2021.

Your child's teacher, or teachers, will be in touch with each family to provide additional instructions prior to September 8, 2020. You may call your child's school or the Superintendent's office with specific questions.

Thank you for your continued cooperation in these difficult times.

Rick McInturf Superintendent