



January 14, 2022

Pelham Family,

I want to remind you that Monday, January 17 is Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. This is a scheduled holiday on our calendar, and schools and offices will be closed. As announced in the email sent to parents on January 12, we will change to a remote learning day on Tuesday, January 18, and all of the schools will be closed. Students will have coursework and assignments on Tuesday. Please be sure students login to Google Classroom and take part in the assigned work for all classes.

To our parents and our staff, I want to say thank you. I think most understand that there are no easy answers for the difficulties and challenges we face with this virus. We appreciate the trust, support, and flexibility you have shown as we adapt and adjust to the changing circumstances.

Our most immediate concern is maintaining enough available staff to keep our schools open. Our administrators and staff members are doing everything they can - they are covering classes, shifting responsibilities, and helping wherever necessary to keep schools open for students and parents. I visited each school on Thursday and could not be more proud of their efforts. I'm hoping that the upcoming days away from school will allow time for many of our staff who are currently absent to return. Our goal continues to be to keep the schools open. Hopefully, we will begin to see a decline in COVID cases soon. In the meantime, let's stay positive and patient, have back up plans, and work through this together.

Be safe and stay well,

Dr. Scott Coefield
Superintendent
Pelham City Schools