



For Immediate Release

Date: December 28, 2018

STUDENTS RETURN TO HAMILTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT DELAYED
Normal School Operations will resume on Monday, January 7, 2019

A main water pipe failure inside Hamilton County Elementary School on Sunday, December 23rd, caused extensive flooding of the building. The repairs from the resulting damage to the school must be completed before students are allowed to return. This process is ongoing and will require additional time to complete beyond the scheduled return of students on Thursday, January 3, 2019. As a result of the continuing repair process, students that were scheduled to return to classes on Thursday, January 3rd, will now return on Monday, January 7th. All nine, ten and eleven-month staff will report for duty on Thursday, January 3rd, to help in preparing the school for the students return. Both the elementary and high school classes will resume on Monday, January 7th.

Normal school operations for all students of the Hamilton County School District will resume on Monday, January 7, 2019. If there are any changes in the recovery process that would delay the student return to school on January 7th, updates to the community will be provided in a timely manner.

The safety and security of our students/staff is our first concern. The actions listed above are to ensure a safe environment for everyone. The school will be closed for these repairs to all staff and the public through Tuesday, January 1, 2019. Twelve-month staff will return on Wednesday, January 2, 2019, with all additional staff returning on Thursday, January 3, 2019.

Additional information will be posted as necessary on the district website (hamiltonfl.com) and on the Hamilton County School District Facebook page. Both the elementary and high school administrations will be conducting telephone call outs to parents and students with information concerning this change to the return date for students.

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