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Governor Kay Ivey
600 Dexter Avenue
Montgomery, AL 36130

Dr. Scott Harris
Alabama Department of Public Health
P.O. Box 303017
Montgomery, AL 36130

Dear Governor Ivey and Dr. Harris,

As one of the largest school districts in Alabama, we are grappling with the many challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic. Montgomery Public Schools has recently lost several colleagues to COVID-19, and other MPS employees continue to recover. These losses have caused emotional and mental trauma throughout the district. MPS has placed several of its schools under a mandatory quarantine and moved to a virtual learning environment, forcing school personnel and families to make hard decisions regarding childcare and employment, among other considerations. Our teachers, students, staff, and parents are all desperately ready to have school return to a normal setting.

Several smaller school districts in the state have begun receiving vaccines. We hope you will consider our request to expedite distribution of the vaccine to MPS. The CDC has confirmed that racial and ethnic minorities are at greater risk of getting sick and dying from the COVID-19 virus. As a school district with a large minority population among both students and employees, we acutely feel the urgency of bringing the pandemic under control. In addition, MPS employs about 4,500 and has an enrollment of nearly 28,000. We ask that you take these facts into consideration and prioritize the availability of vaccines for our district.

We thank you in advance for taking the necessary steps to protect our great state and, most importantly, our school districts across the state. We anticipate a written response within the next seven days.

Sincerely,

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