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DISTRICT ADDING IONIZATION PROCESS TO SCHOOL HVAC

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(MACON, GA) – The Bibb County School District is in the process of adding needlepoint bi-polar ionization devices to the HVAC system at each of its schools. The goal is to have these devices in place at all schools by the end of February.

The original goal of the ionization process in buildings was to purify the air of dirt, dust and mold, which has health benefits as well as energy-saving benefits. Additionally, research has shown that ionization can also eliminate up to 99.9 percent of infectious pathogens, including the virus that causes COVID-19. This step is being taken as part of the District's continued efforts to keep students, faculty and staff safe as they return to the classroom setting for face-to-face instruction.

The ionization devices already were installed in newer or recently renovated buildings as they were constructed or updated. These buildings include Hartley Elementary, John R. Lewis Elementary and Appling Middle School. Again, the District's goal is to have ionization devices in place at *all* schools by the end of February.

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