



# MADISON COUNTY SCHOOLS

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## **Madison County Schools Partners with Lockheed Martin**

*Partnership to provide technology in classrooms and virtual school learning academy*

Madison County Schools has partnered with Lockheed Martin on a technology-for-classrooms initiative that will bring 100 laptops, docking stations and 50 copier/printers to classrooms in the district. This will be a multi-phase partnership that will evolve over the next two years. Phase I of the partnership will provide laptops and multi-function printers to outfit the new Madison County Virtual School onsite learning center, and provide dozens of laptops and printers to classrooms across the district.

“Lockheed Martin has been at the forefront of technology and innovation in this community for more than five decades. We feel very fortunate to partner with this great company to help bring technology to our classrooms in Madison County Schools,” said Superintendent Matt Massey.

“At Lockheed Martin, we are engineering a better tomorrow, and these students are our tomorrow, our future,” said Jon Sharpe, Lockheed Martin Huntsville Site Director. “We are proud to partner with Madison County Schools to provide the necessary tools to engage and motivate students in the Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) fields of study. Technology has the power to influence and inspire our next generation of engineers, scientists and astronauts that will one day design elite fighter jets, develop intricate cybersecurity software or even explore deep space.”

One of the first areas to benefit from the partnership will be the on-site learning center at the new Madison County Virtual School. The school’s physical headquarters will be located at the Madison County Career Academy. The room will be open to students enrolled in the virtual school who are looking for tutoring or assistance from teachers in certain subjects. The room will also be where virtual school students take certain state-mandated tests throughout the year. Phase I will provide 30 laptops and two printers to the center. Phase II, to be completed next year, will provide additional furniture and equipment designed to create collaborative work space in the center.

“The Madison County Virtual School is being founded on the principle of empowering learners through innovation,” Massey said. “When you look at Lockheed Martin, you immediately think of ‘innovation’ and we also want to be on the cutting edge of innovation and creativity. We cannot thank this great organization enough.”

After the laptops and printers are set up in the virtual school learning center, another 70 laptops and 16 printers will be going out to other classrooms in need in the MCS district.

“We are planning on this partnership to be on-going and mutually beneficial to both organizations,” Massey said. “Lockheed Martin is investing in our schools and our students. We will educate and train those students to help be part of Lockheed Martin’s future in Madison County.”