



Superintendent's Update

August 4, 2020

We are very pleased that Jackson County School District can proceed with opening school this Thursday, August 6.

Considering that our students will be allowed to return to school as scheduled, we support the Governor's executive order that all staff and students will be required to wear a mask in an effort to help prevent the spread of COVID-19. JCSD will release specific details regarding mask-wearing procedures as soon as possible.

This week we have had the opportunity to meet with most of our teachers. While there are many justified concerns, our teachers and staff are eager for students to return to school. According to many conversations with both students and parents, we are confident that our children are ready to continue their education.

We will use COVID-19 pediatric statistics from both Singing River Health Systems and Coastal Family Health Center. In addition, we will analyze data of JCSD staff and student confirmed COVID-19 cases. A weekly report will be compiled for the Board of Education and our administrative team. The in-house data will be monitored on a daily basis.

According to our data and input from staff and community members, our plan will change as necessary to ensure the safety of our staff and students, while attempting to return to a school environment that is as normal as possible.