



RCSD *smart* RESTART

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The number one goal of the Rankin County School District is to keep your children safe while educating them face-to-face and in person, which obviously requires us to keep the doors open to our schools. As you know, our hopes were to remain in school while “highly recommending masks” and utilizing other prevention strategies. However, the number of positive cases and quarantines of students and employees has become a concern after just two days of school opening.

After careful consideration, we feel it is necessary to require masks to be worn indoors for all students and employees beginning Tuesday, August 10, 2021, until Wednesday, August 25, 2021. We will reevaluate the situation on August 25th to decide if we can go back to “recommending” masks at that point.

While we know this will not be a popular decision, please understand the difficulty of the situation. We must base this decision on keeping our students and employees safe and keeping the schools open. Also, by keeping the schools open, parents/guardians are able to continue working and the economy can thrive which is a concern for all of us.

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we navigate these ever-changing circumstances!

*Due to short notice, we will provide masks to students and employees for the rest of the week, as needed.



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