

# PRESS RELEASE

## JOHNSON COUNTY SCHOOLS “BACK TO SCHOOL” PLAN

At this time, Johnson County Schools is planning to open school buildings/facilities to resume on-campus learning on August 17, 2020. Our plan is to follow South Central Health Department and CDC guidelines as much as possible.

Medical and educational research has shown the value of face-to-face instruction as the best option for our students. Due to COVID-19, we are offering two options:

**OPTION #1 “Face-to-Face Instruction” (Begins August 17)** ---Allows students to return to our campus following health and safety protocols. These safety protocols include:

- We have a nurse provided at school throughout the day;
- Check all staff and student temps each day (Students and staff members with a temperature above **100.4** will not be permitted at school);
- If a student is sick at school with a fever of **100.4** or higher during the school day, he/she will be placed in an isolation area with a mask until parent pickup;
- Provide a washable face mask for all students on day 1 of school;
- Increase hygiene and sanitation protocols;
- Disinfect all classrooms and used areas daily;
- Disinfect all buses twice each day;
- Encourage teacher and student use of face masks;
- Enforce social distancing as much as possible;
- Stagger transition times;
- Provide sanitizer in all classrooms, gym, and lunchroom;
- Encourage students to bring individual water bottles
- Limiting parent and visitor access to the office only;
- Reporting any COVID-19 Cases to our Local Health Department.

**OPTION #2 “On-Line Instruction” (Begins August 17<sup>th</sup>) ---Remote learning. Students will have the opportunity to enroll in a distance learning program. All students will have an assigned teacher to offer support and monitoring. For distance learning, your child must meet the following requirements:**

- **Have internet access at home;**
- **Be available for instruction during normal school hours;**
- **Log-in and participate in the class on a daily basis;**
- **Take state-mandated standardized tests;**
- **Must complete application online.**

**NOTE: If you choose Option #1 for your child, there is no action you need to take.**

**If you choose Option #2, please enroll your child for remote learning online by July 27. If you have any questions please contact the school administrator where your child will be enrolled.**

**\*\*\*In the event that an executive order from the state dictates school buildings are to be closed anytime during the 2020/21 school year, Johnson County Schools will utilize remote learning for all students.**

**We will do our best to keep all students and staff as safe as possible as we enter this new journey.**