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Jennings High School to Return to a Hybrid Schedule January 20

(JENNINGS, MO, Jan. 16, 2026) – Having passed safety and environmental checks following the Dec. 22, pipe break, leaders of the Jennings School District today gave the final “all clear” to proceed to a hybrid schedule on Jan. 20.

High school students have been studying virtually since January 6. Crews from the First Onsite restoration team have worked tirelessly to prepare the school to receive students.

According to Chief Keith Goldstein of North County Fire and Rescue, the change from his first walk-through after the flood to his recent on Jan. 14, has been amazing.

Goldstein said he supported the return plan. “I had the opportunity to walk the building with Dr. Knight and her team, as they laid out their plan for a hybrid schedule. I saw where the children are going to have lunch and the temporary safety barriers that will keep students from going into areas where work is being done.”

“I was really, really happy with the progress,” he added. “Dr. Knight has built a good team, and I was proud of everyone she had over there. I see no reason not to move forward with the plan.”

That sentiment was echoed by the students, families and community members who took the opportunity to tour the building on Jan. 13 and 14th.

JSD students are familiar with a hybrid schedule, which should help guarantee a smooth transition. Superintendent Dr. Paula K. Knight said, “Alternating classes means that we are significantly reducing the number of students in the building at one time. It also ensures that the District’s meal service, maintenance and custodial teams can better manage their schedules.” Dr. Knight added that some classes have been temporarily relocated, but all building facilities are in working order.

For more information on the JHS Return Plan, please visit the website at www.JenningsK12.org/JHSreturn .

Chief Goldstein added, “I applaud them (JSD team) for what they’re doing, and we’re ready to get these students back in school.”

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Portrait of a JSD Warrior

