

Hello JC Schools Families,

JC Schools would like to thank you for taking the time to respond to our recent Back to School survey shared with you on June 4th. As of June 12th, we had 3,504 parents complete the survey representing 4,892 students. These results will help us determine how families are feeling in regards to health and safety, and will guide us as we continue planning for the coming school year.

We are in the process of compiling all of the survey results for each school building and our JC Schools staff. As soon as those results are finalized we will share them with you and post them on our website. Early survey results were shared with the Board of Education on Monday night, and at that time we let them know we are still in the planning stages for what school will look like in the fall.

Some trends have emerged from our initial survey review:

- In-seat education with increased sanitation was the preferred scenario for coming back to school;
- Social distancing and providing temperature checks were also top priorities for coming back to school;
- While parents were appreciative of the efforts made to provide virtual education during the closure, there is a strong desire to return to in-seat education this fall;
- Many with health conditions or family members with health conditions expressed concerns with coming back and a desire to have alternative options;
- Many families and staff members expressed concerns with how effectively social distancing can be followed by students.

We understand and share the desire to get back to school and return to in-seat education if at all possible, and we will work diligently to outline measures that will allow us to return to school while keeping our staff and students safe.

We also understand that every family's circumstances are different, and so our work will include looking for ways to provide alternative options that meet a wide variety of family needs. We have a responsibility to protect the health and safety of every staff member, student, and family in our district.

District leaders will spend the coming weeks working to develop our plan for reentry this fall. We remain in touch with the local health department and expect to receive further guidance from the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education soon as well.

Our hope is to have specific details on reentry available for you by mid-July. The circumstances surrounding the future of the COVID-19 situation change frequently, and often quickly, but we know that the sooner we can provide firm details the sooner you can make plans of your own. As a reminder, there are no plans at this time to alter the start date (August 24) of the 2020-2021 school year ([view calendar here](#)).

We appreciate how patient you have been with us throughout the COVID-19 closure, and as we work to finalize plans for the fall. We know how difficult these circumstances have been, and we are so thankful for your continued commitment to your student's education!

Thank you,
Jefferson City School District