

**Jackson Local Schools** 

Striving for Excellence



July 28, 2021

## Dear parents, guardians, caretakers, and stakeholders,

We hope this letter finds you well as summer break winds down. The Jackson Local School District appreciates the support from our parents, faculty, and staff, and stakeholders. Our goal is to continue to strengthen the collaboration and partnerships among our parents, families, students, and stakeholders.

Today we are announcing our model for instruction for the 2021-2022 school year and providing information about facial coverings.

Based on survey results of Jackson Local School District parents in the spring, a very small percentage of parents expressed interest in remote learning delivered by a third-party instructor (Acellus).

Our learning model for the 2021-2022 school year will be traditional in-person instruction. This is our best learning model and it puts our students in a position to have the greatest opportunity for academic success. The Jackson Local School District is prepared to pivot to a remote and/or blended learning model through POLARIS should the need arise. Any change will be communicated to our families and stakeholders through customary district communication channels.

The Centers for Disease Control issued an order requiring face masks to be worn on public transportation, including school buses regardless of vaccination status. Jackson Local School District students are required to wear a face mask (the CDC order does not allow for face shields or bandanas) while on school transportation to comply with this CDC order. The CDC's order referencing school transportation <u>can be found in Section 2 in the paragraph</u> that starts with "During school transportation ..."

**Following guidance from the Ohio Department of Health, facial coverings for all students in the Jackson Local School District for the 2021-2022 school year will be optional on our buildings and grounds**. The Ohio Department of Health strongly recommends face masks for unvaccinated individuals in its most recent COVID-19 guidance. The Jackson Local School District reserves the right to change this policy at any time during the school year based on the advice of public health experts and communicable disease spread. Any change will be



communicated to our families and stakeholders through customary district communication channels.

**The first day of in-person instruction will be August 16.** We look forward to seeing our students back in our classrooms on the 16th. School supply lists can be <u>found</u> <u>here</u>. The Home Access Center and E-Link for bus routes will be active the week of August 9, but after August 9.

Please follow us on our social media pages (<u>Facebook</u>, <u>Twitter</u>, <u>Instagram</u>) or visit <u>RestartJackson.com</u> and click on the 2021-2022 school year tab for more information. If you have any questions, please feel free to email us at <u>contactus@jackson.sparcc.org</u>.

Thank you, we look forward to a great school year and, as always, Go Bears!

Sincerely,

Chis Debreto

## Superintendent, Jackson Local School District