



From the desk of Ms. Lesli Jones, Superintendent

August 20, 2020

Good afternoon,

Due to the increase in positive COVID cases in our community, I am recommending the district delay the first day of school to Tuesday, September 8, 2020. This will reduce possible exposure for both students and staff during the community outbreak. The delay will also allow our staff to continue preparing for 100% virtual instruction if that is necessary in the upcoming weeks.

If health and safety conditions improve in the next two weeks, the district will start on September 8th with face to face instruction and virtual instruction for those students who have chosen that route. After consultation with local and county health officials, a decision will be made after September 1st as to how we will begin the first day of school (face to face and virtual or 100% virtual). During the two week delay, staff members will report to work on campus and student activity practices will continue. The Board of Education will meet in special session on Monday, August 24th to formally approve modifying the 2020-21 school calendar.

We are anxious to see our students on campus and in classrooms. We also want that to take place in the safest way possible. Thank you in advance for your support and cooperation.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Lesli Jones'.

L. Jones