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Dear Jefferson Junior High School Student & Parent/Guardian,

Welcome to the 2020-2021 school year! This letter is for parents and students who are attending school in person this year. Due to the COVID-19 situation, this will be a school year unlike any we have experienced before. The Junior High teachers, support staff, and I are committed to making this a safe and successful school year. However if you are uncomfortable attending school in person this year, you can still take advantage of our online option. (All online students will be issued a Chromebook) You can register students by following the link on the district website at: JASLD.org

This letter contains important information you and your child need to begin the school year for in person classes. **All students attending in person should bring their schedules and building map with them to school on the first day.** Because of COVID-19, we will be changing much of our normal beginning of the year routine:

- We will **not** have a 7th grade and new student orientation this year.
- **MASKS: (note: On Saturday, August 8, 2020, The Jefferson Board of Education met and adopted the Governor’s mandate to require masks for students(K-12), teachers, staff, and visitors when in attendance at our school buildings. This mandate will be revisited by the Board of Education when the Governor alters or ends the mandate.**

We have adopted the following use of mask protocols. (Throughout this plan a face shield can be substituted for a mask)

- Teachers, Administrators, and Support Staff are required to wear masks except when they are in an office or room alone.
 - All K-12 students are required to wear a mask throughout the school day.
 - At the discretion of a teacher, students may be given mask breaks during the day (outside).
 - All students are required to wear a mask on the school bus.
 - In the cafeteria, when students are finished eating, they will be required to wear a mask.
 - All visitors are required to wear a mask before entering our school building.

 - **Only 7th grade students** will report to school on August 20th and 21st.
 - **Only 8th grade students** will report to school on August 24th and 25th.
 - We will not be making any schedule changes during the first week after all students have been in classes.
 - We will **not be using lockers** to start the year so all students will need a **book bag**
 - Book bag items should be limited to the following:
 - Chromebook and charger (8th grade students do not have to use their school issued case if their Chromebook fits in their book bag)
 - Pencil and pen
 - Lunch (if the student carries)
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- A reasonably sized notebook. (no oversized trappers)
- Students will need to bring a water bottle (no juices, soda, or energy drinks)
- 8th grade students should charge their Chromebooks and bring them on the first day. (please send a note describing the problem if it has been broken and/or does not work)
- 7th grade students will be issued a Chromebook and charger on the first day of school.

School drop off:

- Students who ride the bus (masks are mandated) will be dropped off in the front of the building and students will enter through the Junior High entrance at the beginning of the day.
- Students who are dropped off or walk to school are to enter, wearing their mask, through the **South entrance**. (See enclosed map)
- We will open the doors and you may begin dropping off students at 7:25 AM.
- Students will report directly to their **first period class**. (See enclosed schedule and school map)
- Students who eat a school breakfast will get it in the cafeteria and then take it to their first period class to eat. Note: **Paid breakfast and lunch will be from a student account only. No cash transactions will take place in the cafeteria.**

Student pick up:

- You should park in the south parking lot to pick up your student
- Parents should remain in their cars
- We will begin dismissing students who ride to school in small groups between 2:20 and 2:25.
- Times may be changed if we see adjustments need to be made
- Students who ride the bus will be dismissed in small groups at the end of the day

During these COVID-19 times, I have found the best way to keep parents informed throughout the school year is by Robocall. Please call the Junior High office, 576-1736 ext.1117, if you have changed your phone number since last year. You should expect a Robocall from me a few days before classes start.

In conclusion, the staff and I know students are anxious to be back in school again and we are looking forward to getting back to in person classes while making our school as safe as possible.

Thank you and stay safe,

Richard Hoyson, Ed.D. Principal
Jefferson Junior High School