



## JACKSON PREPARATORY & EARLY COLLEGE

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Dear Falcon Families;

I know that everyone is anxiously waiting to know how we will start the year, and I appreciate your patience. Thank you to all who provided their feedback through our surveys - approximately 74% of our families prefer hybrid or fully virtual learning this fall, and approximately 26% of our families would like to have their students return fully with social distancing, health, and safety protocols in place. After reviewing research, multiple K-12 district reopening plans, local and state COVID data, and gathering feedback from you and our staff, I have put together a plan for returning this fall. Please find the plan [HERE](#) and attached.

The proposed plan is for the Fall Term only. I will reassess and determine how our Winter Term will look based on how the fall goes. I believe having students in school directly connected to our faculty is the best learning option, and as soon as it is safe to do so, I would like to have students return full time.

You will see that beginning August 31, for the first two weeks of school, students will participate in remote virtual learning. I would like to utilize these two weeks of remote virtual learning to assess our local, regional, and state data as students across the state return to school. I want to make sure it is safe to begin phasing our Falcons' back to campus.

Additionally, you will see that we are following a staggered return to campus for students following two-week cycles allowing us to phase in our students at a much more manageable pace and allowing us to build capacity. Please know that each step that would allow students to come on-site for hybrid learning is contingent upon our local and regional COVID data remaining flat or trending down and the State remaining in phase 4 or 5. If the local or regional data is trending up, we will remain virtual and not have students come on campus.

Also, phasing allows us to monitor issues and challenges and develop solutions proactively before having all students return. This also potentially minimizes student displacement issues if someone does become ill during the first month of school.

Families will be able to choose to remain fully virtual for the fall term prior to your student's designated hybrid start date, or at any time during the term. I will be providing a selection questionnaire to our families this week allowing you to determine if you would like your student to return on a hybrid scheduled at their designated date, or to remain fully virtual. Please note that a family/student who chooses to remain fully virtual will be required to commit to full virtual learning through October 30. Families/students will have the opportunity to transition to a hybrid schedule in November.

As always, please do not hesitate to reach out to our school leaders and administrative team with any questions that you have.

Sincerely,

Shane A. Malmquist

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