



John Glenn School Corporation



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Dear John Glenn Family,

I hope this communication finds you well and enjoying the summer weather. What a unique year 2020 has been thus far!

Reminders: The School meal program ends this Friday, June 26, 2020. If your family is in need of food support after our program ends, please contact me and we will provide you with resources. In addition, there will be **no July summer school** session for any grade level this year.

Please know that the JG team has been working very hard on issues surrounding the reopening of school. Our team would like to provide an update to everyone as of now. Please note that governmental guidance is ever-changing, so our current plans may change as a result.

Here is what we can share at this time:

All Indiana schools have been guided to “reopen” for the 2020-2021 school year per the IDOE and the Governor’s Office.

The John Glenn team, led by me personally, has been working with Federal, State, and Local governmental agencies, as well as with administrators, teachers, staff, and leadership from other county schools regarding the reopening of our schools.

- This specifically includes ongoing communication with the St. Joseph, Marshall, and La Porte County Health Departments and Superintendents, as we have school boundaries in all three counties.

School will begin as planned for students on Tuesday, August 11, 2020, as previously approved by the John Glenn School Board.

- **Note:** July 6, 2020 is the date we will begin High School Fall Activity practices. Please look for additional information from the JGHS team.

Per our three county health departments, students and staff will need to have a facemask or face shield with them while on John Glenn campuses.

- I know this may be a concern for some, but the scientific data is showing that face coverings can reduce the spread of germs by approximately 50%.
- Additionally, to reduce the need for masks, we are working diligently to develop social and physical distancing plans for students and staff in each building. Some things are going to look different this school year to accommodate distancing needs.

There is no perfect scenario. Neither face coverings nor social distancing will be easy at first in a school setting. However, I believe that besides keeping everyone safe and healthy, returning to face-to-face instruction, five days a week is our number one priority for students and families. Have trust and know that we are working extensively on the best plan possible in light of the current, ever-changing situation.

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- **These two items (distancing/face covering) are extremely important for our ability to return to on campus “normal” schooling.**
- I am counting on everyone to show leadership in this effort.

Important: Any student or family that has concerns about returning to face-to-face instruction, please note that we will have the “JG Online Academy” option for your student(s).

- If you believe you will need the online option, please notify your child’s school and copy me as well: cwinchell@jgsc.k12.in.us.
- Also note, the JG Online Academy option will be different from eLearning this past spring. It will be more rigorous and will ensure equal education for those both on and off-campus.

Thank you so much for your continued support and confidence in JGSC. We will share more information with you as it becomes available. Please take a moment to complete the survey via this link...

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScFGI8O1fsBrAI3SZqFPBAPPRg6_XrxChe8BIubdyiKX-CPGA/viewform

As always, please contact me with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely, and with warm regards,

Christopher Winchell