

May 21, 2020

Dear Patrons:

As area superintendents continue to navigate this historic COVID-19 health challenge, nothing is more important than protecting the health of students, teachers, staff and the communities we serve. As you are aware, Governor Mike Parson announced on April 16, 2020, that the state will start to reopen in May. As many businesses are re-opening, Franklin and Gasconade County School Districts are preparing a phased approach to school re-entry for summer programming, athletics, activities, and the return to school in August.

School leaders continue to review guidance from the Missouri Department of Health, U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and various school-related organizations, with the ultimate goal of re-opening schools and welcoming students back into our classrooms in August. Planning is currently in progress and will be ongoing throughout the summer, but final decisions regarding protocol and services will be issued a few weeks prior to resuming activities. This will allow schools to align safety practices to the guidance at that time. We understand that some patrons would like information to be released earlier than the timelines listed below. It is important to note that much will change over the next couple of months and making decisions too early will likely result in additional changes at a later date.

Individual school districts will provide information to parents containing specific guidance. For districts allowing activities to resume in June, information will be shared by May 28th. For July activities, such as summer school and extra-curricular practices, information will be shared by mid-June. Regarding the start of school on August 24th, we intend to provide the latest safety protocol plans by the last week of July.

The past two months have been an incredibly challenging time for all of us. We want to thank you for your patience and understanding as we have dealt with this unprecedented situation. We look forward to seeing our students again soon.

Sincerely,

Franklin County R-II School District
Gasconade County R-II School District
Meramec Valley R-III School District
Spring Bluff R-15 School District
Strain-Japan R-16 School District
Union R-XI School District

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Lonedell R-14 School District
New Haven School District
St. Clair R-13 School District
Sullivan School District
School District of Washington