



October 14, 2020

Dear Jefferson School District Community,

This week, San Joaquin County remained in the Red Tier on the California Blueprint for a Safer Economy scale and made it possible for school districts to open to in person instruction following California Department of Public Health and San Joaquin County Public Health Services guidelines. The Jefferson School Board met last night and considered three different options for a reopening timeline.

- Option 1: Schools remain in Distance Learning until January 4, 2021
- Option 2: Schools reopen in an A/B Hybrid utilizing a phased in approach
- Option 3: Schools reopen in a regular model utilizing a phased in approach

After listening to public comment, reviewing parent survey data about the TK-6 waiver, and hearing a staff report, the Board made the decision to keep schools in Distance Learning until January 4, 2021. The board's decision was based upon the following beliefs:

1. Students are receiving a quality distance learning program and entering a hybrid model would impact the teacher's ability to effectively engage students both in person and online at the same time.
2. With the holiday breaks approaching there are too many opportunities for public gatherings that are expected to increase the spread of COVID19. The breaks would also be disruptive to students learning the new routines at school.
3. The Board remains committed to returning all students to school as soon as it is safe to do so, while providing medically fragile students with options to learn from home.
4. Staff should plan for the return of at-risk students to in person instruction in the next few weeks.

JSD remains committed to providing all students with an outstanding education and looks forward to the day in the near future where all students may return to campus.

Sincerely,

James W. Bridges
Superintendent