



March 12, 2021

Dear Jefferson School District 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Families,

I'm writing with information on the status of 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade classes opening to in-person instruction.

As you know, per the California Department of Public Health, we cannot reopen our 7th and 8th grade classes until San Joaquin County reaches the Red Tier in the state's reopening criteria known as the "Blueprint for a Safer Economy." Reclassification announcements typically occur every Tuesday. We will be watching the reclassification announcement that is expected Tuesday, March 16, and will send an update to our 7-8th grade families on Wednesday, March 17.

We are now projecting that the earliest we would be opening our 7th and 8th grade classes to in-person instruction is Monday, March 22.

Please keep in mind that this date is a moving target and its entirely speculative at this point. Per State requirements, San Joaquin County needs to reach the red tier BEFORE we can reopen 7-8th grades to in-person instruction.

You can check the "Blueprint for a Safer Economy" website for San Joaquin County's tier status at [covid19.ca.gov/safer-economy](https://covid19.ca.gov/safer-economy). You'll then enter San Joaquin County in the search window near the top of the page, or scroll down to the interactive map at the bottom of the page and click on San Joaquin County for detailed information.

We are cautiously optimistic that we will have good news to share next Wednesday.

Have a great weekend.

Sincerely,  
**James W. Bridges**  
*Superintendent*