



Positive Attitudes! High Expectations!! Accountability!!!

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Dear Colleague,

We are just three days away from joyfully celebrating the start of the new school year! As superintendent, I can't wait to see the parents and yellow limousines bringing our precious children to our campuses.

Please take a moment to pause and reflect on the still raging Covid-19 pandemic, and the impact it has had on our lives and that of our students. The board of trustees of the Jefferson Davis County School District passed a mask policy requiring every person on our campuses to wear masks. This, coupled with our Continuity of Services plan, means we are doing everything from the district's standpoint to provide a safe environment. I continue to urge each of you that have not been vaccinated to please do so. Data shows, you have a 25 times greater chance of dying from Covid-19 if unvaccinated, and vaccinated people have a 99% chance of survival.

This year we will be guided by the JAGUARWAY. Our work will reflect a hard-working, children first positive attitude. We will demonstrate high expectations by saying no to our district ever being mediocre, and we will be accountable to each other to do our jobs and to do them well. Our culture will be one of ***team work*** and ***excellence!***

We had an excellent retreat with the district's leadership during which we looked deeply at our priorities, ***THE JAGUAR WAY***, unity and teamwork. As a result, I can report that the leadership of our district will work with you like never before to create rigorous instructional activities and to provide timely support to our teachers to build more equitable educational experiences for our children.

I want so badly for our district to be recognized as the best school district and community in our state. In order for that to happen we must all be willing to do a little extra. Thanks in advance for your full commitment to doing just that.

Thank you for all you have done and are going to do for the students of the Jefferson Davis County School District. I'm looking forward to a great school year working with each of you the ***JAGUARWAY!!!***

Sincerely,

Ike Haynes

Superintendent