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Jones County Students, Staff, and Families:

The Jones County School System continues to receive important updates and information from the State regarding COVID-19. As of today, June 25, 2020, the Georgia Department of Education (GADOE) has provided school systems with a comprehensive “Path to Recovery for K-12 Schools.” Due to this guidance, the categories of low, moderate, and substantial spreading of COVID-19 were developed. Jones County has been very fortunate with lower reported cases of COVID-19 compared to our surrounding counties.

The JCSS remains in the “low” level category of community spreading for COVID-19. While reviewing the data, we are closely monitoring active cases and hospitalizations reported to better adapt and ensure a comprehensive plan is developed that meets the needs of our student population. We will continue to refer to guidance from the Center for Disease Control and the Georgia Department of Education regarding reopening, and should the numbers increase to the categories of “moderate” or “substantial” spread, we will consider execution of our distance learning plan.

Extensive Planning is critical as our conditions could possibly change; thus, our plans are precise and fluid. Please see the attached JCSS Cleaning and Disinfecting Plan which provides a more detailed view as to the additional practices and reasonable efforts our system is employing to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Thank you for your patience as we navigate our current situation as we know communication is crucial at this time, and we will continue to keep all stakeholders informed with our planning process

We look forward to returning to educating our students August 3, 2020 and appreciate the outpouring of support from our community.

Sincerely,

*Charles W. Gibson*

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