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May 27, 2020 PRESS RELEASE: FRANKLIN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT SUMMER PROGRAMS

The Franklin County School District is excited to announce plans for summer programs on campus. Superintendent Yoder has worked with school and district administration and extensively with the Franklin County Health Department to develop a plan for students to safely participate in summer athletics and summer school on campus.

The FCSB approved calendar for summer school will be followed, with summer school beginning on June 8th and ending on June 30th. Parents and Guardians of students being recommended for summer school instruction should have already been contacted and will receive further communication from the school regarding instructions for attendance and participation in summer school.

In an FDOE Press release on April 18, 2020 – Governor Ron DeSantis and Commissioner of Education Richard Corcoran recommended that all Florida public and private K-12 schools continue distance learning and keep school campuses closed through June 3rd, the remainder of the 2019-2020 academic year. The Franklin County School Academic Year ended for students on May 22nd, and all post planning ends on May 28th.

Eligible Franklin County School Kindergarten through 3rd grade students may attend summer school on the FCS campus. Franklin County School Students that are eligible for Extended School Year Services may attend Summer School on campus. Eligible Franklin County School Students in grades 4-12 will continue with distance learning for summer school. Our Pre-K program will operate on the FCLC campus, only for students that are eligible for Extended School Year Services.

Superintendent Yoder will meet with athletic coaching staff tomorrow to review guidance for summer athletics on campus. Athletic Coaching staff will be contacting our student athletes and their families with sport specific schedules for summer athletics being offered on campus. Summer athletics may begin on June 1st, in accordance with **FHSAA Policy 20.2 Summer Defined**. *The summer season is defined as that period of time outside the FHSAA sports year. This period for each member school is defined as beginning the day following the school's last day of classes for the spring semester or the day following the school's last day of spring athletic activities (including spring football practice), whichever is later, or June 1 for schools whose last day of classes for the spring semester occurs on May 31 or thereafter, and concluding with the Saturday prior to fall sports beginning, as established in the FHSAA Planning Calendar.*

Superintendent Yoder has worked with the Franklin County Health Department to schedule training for staff on best practices for minimizing the spread of COVID-19. The Franklin County School District is taking all necessary precautions to protect our students, staff, families, and communities as we move forward to welcome our students and staff on campus for summer programs. We are excited to begin Phase 1 of reopening our campuses.

Thank you for your continued patience, understanding, and support as we work through these challenging times together.

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