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July 23, 2020 Press Release: Superintendent Recommends a Modified School Start Date

The Franklin County School District administration and staff have worked with our local health department and other local public health agencies since the COVID-19 Pandemic began to keep our students, staff, families, and community safe.

While returning to school is always an exciting time for our students, staff, and families we understand that we are not returning to school under normal circumstances. District and School Administration have planned and prepared all summer to safely reopen our campuses. However, with our teachers only returning a week in advance of students, we have determined it to be in the best interest of our students and staff that we allocate time to provide additional training for the safety measures and protocols that will take place on campus.

“I will be recommending as a part of our school reopening plan to modify the school calendar to shift the four teacher professional development days to the beginning of the school year,” said Superintendent Yoder. As a result, students will not return to school until Friday, August 14th and the quarterly student holidays on the calendar will be changed to normal school attendance days. A revised school calendar will be published following the next Board meeting. Superintendent added, “While our campuses and buses have been cleaned and sanitized and plans for both on campus and virtual instruction are in place, I believe that spending our professional development days in August will provide our faculty and staff with the support and training through our local Health Department, to be better prepared to welcome our students back to school safely.”

Please sign into the FOCUS parent portal to make your enrollment selection for each child in your family. If no selection is made by July 31st, the default enrollment selection will be on campus. We appreciate your continued patience, support, and partnership as we move forward with safely preparing to welcome our students back to school.

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