



# JAMESTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope you are all safe and well. I would like to thank you for taking the time to fill out another survey on the return to school. I realize that it has been very frustrating to wait for a decision from the District on when we will reopen for in-person learning, especially when all other school districts have done so. I have attempted to be as open and transparent as I can about the District's priority of providing an environment that supports the health and safety of all students and staff. In my last correspondence, I stated that the decision to distance learn would continue through the first trimester, and that the Governing Board would reassess at the beginning of October at the progress report period, and that time is here.

The Governing Board has scheduled a meeting for this coming Monday, September 28<sup>th</sup>, at 5:30 PM, via Zoom teleconferencing for the discussion and possible action on a return to in-person learning. The Board will take into consideration all current information of the status of our county in relation to COVID-19 cases and test positivity, and will review guidelines and recommendations from the CDC, California Department of Public Health and our local Public Health Officer and the results of our latest parent survey. In addition, they will consider our capacity to safely staff in-person instruction, and the ability to follow our *COVID Return to School Plan* (please review the document sent in our last correspondence or on our website at [www.jespanthers.org](http://www.jespanthers.org)) in order to provide the safest environment possible for in-person learning. The District will notify you via our auto-dialer system the following day, Tuesday, September 29<sup>th</sup> of any Board decision and further corresponding information.

Many of you have called or emailed over these past weeks with questions and concerns, and we are appreciative of your willingness to discuss and share your feelings, fears, and opinions on what is best for your child and our students--we have families who have strong feelings on both sides. We are very aware that many of you have had to make difficult decisions and sacrifices in response to the District's instructional plan, and that it has been challenging. We agree whole heartedly that students belong in school, in-person with their teachers and friends—we want that too. Our Governing Board and the District have been committed to a slow and steady approach to in-person instruction to protect students and staff to the fullest extent possible.

I continue to welcome your thoughts and concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at 209-984-4058 or email [cpelfrey@jespanthers.org](mailto:cpelfrey@jespanthers.org).

In partnership,

Contessa Pelfrey, Superintendent