

PINE BLUFF SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Pine Bluff School District Stakeholders,

As we prepare to begin the year, concerns about the COVID-19 Delta Variant are running very high. Please know that we are watching the trends in the COVID-19 data closely. We are planning for face-to-face instruction designed to keep our scholars and staff safe by following CDC guidelines and taking necessary precautions. We are updating our Ready For Learning plans at this time to make certain we are as prepared as possible.

Act 1002 restricts us from requiring masks, however, we plan to continue to educate our learning community about the importance of protecting one another and how wearing masks is a good way to do so. Gov. Hutchinson has called for a special session next week of the legislature to amend Act 1002 to give more power to local school districts on the mask issue. Lawmakers are making considerations at this time. We will keep you posted on how the district is impacted and how we will respond in the event that changes in Act 1002 take place.

Getting the eligible members of our community vaccinated is the key. We want to encourage all eligible persons to be vaccinated. We have hosted vaccination clinics on some of our campuses and will continue to collaborate with local vaccinations providers for possible opportunities to host more clinics. In the meantime, we will help to share information about upcoming vaccinations and providers with our stakeholders such as the information below:

Pfizer Vaccination Clinic at the Pine Bluff Convention Center

Saturday, August 14th, 2021 * 9:00 am - 3:00 pm Appointments or walk-ins accepted Ages 12 and Up

Vaccinations are administered daily at the following locations:

The Jefferson County Health Department Doctor's Orders Pharmacy Jefferson Comprehensive Care

Let's all work together to stay safe. The number one priority at this time is the safety of all our stakeholders.

Sincerely,

Barbara J. Warren, Superintendent