



WELCOME BACK!

A Letter from Dr. Hammitte

Dear JCSD Families, Employees, and Community Stakeholders:

Welcome to the 2022-2023 school year in Jefferson County School District! I hope you had a restful, safe, and enjoyable summer.

This is a great time to be a part of the Jefferson County School District. Not only are we expanding educational opportunities for children, but we are also growing as practitioners in this noble profession. If you are new, welcome to one of Mississippi's most progressive school districts, where every child has access to grade-level content and rigorous instruction. If you are returning, welcome back!

As Superintendent, I could not be prouder of the collaborative work taking place to increase student achievement. I am also proud of the historic year we had last school term. From exceeding the state average in pre-kindergarten and kindergarten assessment scores to the fourth highest graduation rate in the state, we continue to move closer to our vision of becoming a premier educational institution.

As we start the new school year, we do so with a renewed focus on teaching and learning. We also strongly advocate that parents, students, and community stakeholders embrace this focus with a revitalized sense of urgency. Let us commit to ensuring that every child receives a quality education in Jefferson County School District. Likewise, let us work collaboratively to ensure the safety of our children, staff, and community by wearing face coverings, complying with the guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and adhering to our *Student Handbook and Code of Conduct*.

In terms of our educational philosophy, **we believe ALL students can learn**; therefore, we will continue to take a student-centered approach, focusing on the whole child through rigorous educational experiences and adequate support.

I look forward to a great school year and appreciate your commitment to our school district, children, and community. Let us continue to dream big, work hard, and overcome the odds together through mutual purpose, shared goals, and collective efforts!

Sincerely,

Adrian Hammitte
Superintendent of Education