



SUNFLOWER COUNTY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Mrs. Miskia Davis, Superintendent
"United for Excellence"

Weekly Information Blast: October 14, 2020

Parent Survey: The SCCSD is seeking the responses and input of parents/guardians regarding your levels of comfort in a potential return to school. No official decisions have been made at this time regarding a traditional re-opening, but the district does solicit your views. Please complete the "Transitioning Back to School" survey on the district website's homepage (www.sunflower.k12.ms.us) OR at this link:

<https://forms.gle/GvYiZzpXjnM3oQRs6>. *Only 1 survey should be taken per child.*

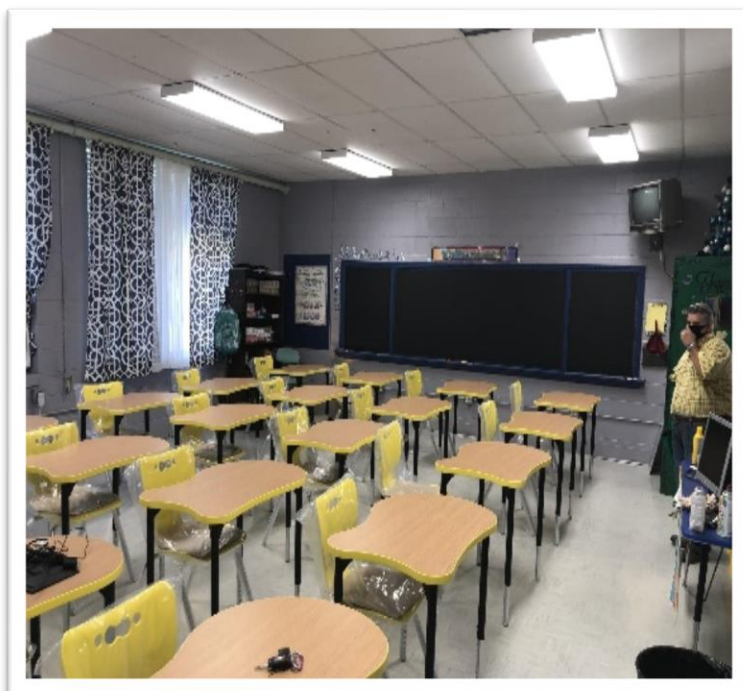
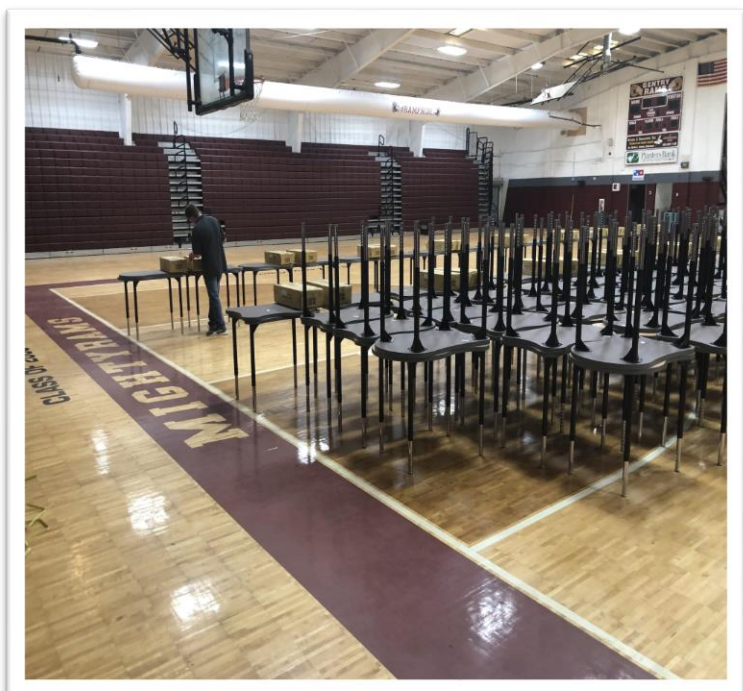
Testing: The Mississippi Department of Education has made it clear that students will take end-of-year assessments, no matter what. This means that whether students have learned virtually or whether they are using learning packets, ALL will be held accountable for learning. These end-of-year assessments must be taken on campus.

- **Bi-weekly Testing:** We are currently in our first round of bi-weekly testing (October 12-16). Your child's school should have contacted you with specific details.
- **Benchmark Testing:** In order to prepare for the end-of-year tests, students will be required to take their Benchmark Tests on campus. This assessment helps us to monitor the progress of our students and predict their performance on the end-of-year tests. Strategic schedules will be created during this window to ensure student safety. Transportation to and from the campus will be provided for those students who need it. Students can also receive their lunch while on campus. **The first Benchmark assessment testing window will occur November 2-13.**
- **K-3 Universal Screener:** Please be on the lookout for communication from your child's base school about taking their universal screening test. Each child kindergarten through third grade must take their universal screening test by Friday, October 30th, 2020. This screening test will be administered at the school.

Athletics: The SCCSD Board of Trustees voted to proceed with the winter basketball and cheerleading seasons. No other auxiliaries or sports should be practicing or performing. This decision allows for practices to begin (once coaching safety plans are approved), as well as games to be played.

However, the board does reserve the right to cancel the season at any time. More information regarding athletics will be given to participants and their families.

New Desks: New desks for every single school have been ordered that allow for individual work (should we return), but are also uniquely shaped to be connected for group work (should things get back normal)! Check them out!



Painting Challenge: With new desks, we also decided to spruce up our buildings with a little paint! We have issued a challenge to all of our schools, so if you specialize in painting, your child's school might be needing you!



The poster features a bright yellow background. At the top, it reads "Sunflower County Consolidated School District" in black. Below that, "Extreme" is written in a red, cursive font, followed by "CLASSROOM" in blue. The word "MAKEOVER" is in large, bold, blue letters, with a globe icon containing the number "3" inside the letter "O". Below "MAKEOVER" is "SCHOOL EDITION" in smaller blue letters. The main text says "Update your school by sprucing up your classrooms with a fresh coat of paint!". There are two photos: one labeled "Before" showing a cluttered classroom and one labeled "After" showing a clean, bright classroom. A paint bucket and brush are at the bottom right. A list of rules and details is on the left.

Sunflower County Consolidated School District
Extreme CLASSROOM MAKEOVER SCHOOL EDITION

Update your school by sprucing up your classrooms with a fresh coat of paint!

- Classrooms can be painted the same color or a different color, but MUST be conducive to learning.
- All colors must be approved by building level administration.
- Non-neutral colors must be approved by building level administrator and Superintendent (or designee).
- (All black classrooms, hot pink, lime green, zebra print, etc... WILL NOT BE APPROVED)

Paint will be provided by the District, out of school maintenance funds, but schools must find their own painter(s). Painting must be neat, and consideration MUST be made to baseboards, floor, and classroom furniture. Painting plans must be submitted to Mrs. Davis, Mr. Ball, Ms. Robey and Mr. Hawkins before paint is ordered. One five gallon bucket of paint will be purchased per classroom, but you can collaborate and coordinate with your colleagues to create accent walls (or buy your own paint).

- No overtime will be given to paint classrooms
- Painting must not infringe on instructional or work time
- All paint supplies, to include brushes, primer, tape, etc. will be purchased by the district

The winners of the best School Makeover will receive a catered meal for the entire faculty and staff.

All painting must be completed by January 4, 2021.

Fall Trainings from SCCSD Librarians: Over the course of the next few Mondays, our librarians will be sharing helpful videos for students and families regarding library resources, and how they can access them from home. All videos will be premiered on our YouTube Channel (SCCSD Media) and shared on all of our platforms. Check out the topics and dates here:

<https://www.sunflower.k12.ms.us/parentstudent>

Learning Packets: Go to this link (also on our district website) to get the school-by-school details for packet pickup and dropoff:

<https://content.schoolinsites.com/api/documents/a151cec437544949a861a56ffa29a9d6.pdf>

Technology Waiver Distribution: As we anticipate our devices arriving, please be sure to pick up or download a copy of the Sunflower County Consolidated School District Technology Manual at the office of your child's school or via the SCCSD website

(<https://content.schoolinsites.com/api/documents/cocb72b83b0940deb7a8d345235eba2f.pdf>)

General Information: School contact information as well as school websites can be found here: <http://www.sunflower.k12.ms.us/?PN=Schools2>. The Central Office's (Hwy 49) number is 662.887.4919 and the Administrative Building's number is 662.884.1200. If you have additional questions or concerns that a specific school or office is unable to assist you with, please email sccsdmedia@sunflower.k12.ms.us. The district website is www.sunflower.k12.ms.us and will have all pertinent information. If you are on Social Media, please check out our district's Facebook page at

<https://www.facebook.com/TEAMSCCSD/?ref=bookmarks> (search “TEAMSCCSD”). Also follow us on Twitter @SCCSD2. Parents/Guardians please update your contact information so that you will be able to receive district information through our call and text systems. Be sure to “Subscribe” to our YouTube Channel (SCCSD Media) and “Like” and “Follow” our Facebook page.