



# Sunflower COUNTY CSD

## Superintendent's Message

School Year 2020/2021 is officially back in session. Although it will start off a bit differently than in years' past, quality teaching and learning will still be our top priority. If you are like me, you have already been inundated with all of the uncertainties and risks associated with COVID-19, the changes in what constitutes exposure and how long quarantines should last. You have heard about the symptoms, or lack thereof, the complexities of testing, and a plethora of other information that can be absolutely overwhelming, and could potentially leave you feeling hopeless.

But I am here to share that hope is not lost, not in the Sunflower County Consolidated School District. We have spent months preparing for our staff and students' safe return. We feel confident that we have exhausted all of our resources in ensuring that our staff will not only have a safe return to the buildings, but that they are equipped to provide our students with a meaningful, virtual education while they are away from our campuses. The information that is included in this article is a mere snippet of the systems, procedures and processes that we are implementing in the SCCSD to decrease the anxiety amongst our students, staff and parents, that is associated with reopening our campuses. We eagerly await the day that all of our children can return, but until then, please rest assured that myself, the Sunflower County Consolidated School District Board of Trustees, and the faculty and staff are doing all that we can to continue the level of teaching and learning that our students and stakeholders are accustomed to, and that has led to our Successful status. Virtual learning is a new endeavor, so as is often the case, the first few days may be rocky. But please bear with us and extend grace and patience with the teachers and leaders as we learn and master virtual learning together. Education will not be compromised. Safety will not be compromised. Social and emotional well-being of students and staff will not be compromised. We will WIN at virtual learning, because that is what winners do!! #WINNING



## Register now!

Look inside for more information!

EMPOWERING STAFF, ENGAGING COMMUNITIES AND EDUCATING STUDENTS

The Sunflower County Consolidated School District began planning for the 2020-2021 school year as early as April, when it became clear that the 2020 school year would end prematurely. As COVID-19 numbers began to rise, particularly in Sunflower County, a traditional return to school seemed more unlikely. The first plan for the district was to offer a "Hybrid" schedule, whereby all campuses would be divided into two groups that would allow for reduced enrollment and social distancing. Under this model, students would attend school on either Monday and Wednesday or Tuesday and Thursday. In July, as COVID-19 numbers continued to

increase, the district modified its plan to include a 100% virtual option for parents, allowing them the choice to have their children stay at home and gain instruction virtually. When August arrived and statewide numbers steadily increased, coupled with Sunflower County being deemed a "hotspot," the district made the following decisions: Delay the start of school for staff (August 24th) and students (September 8th) and require 100% Virtual Learning for ALL students

**Question: What is virtual learning?** Virtual learning uses computer software, the internet, or a combination of both to de-

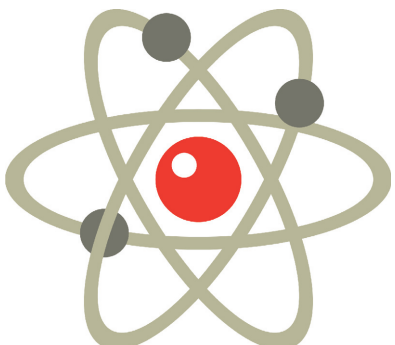
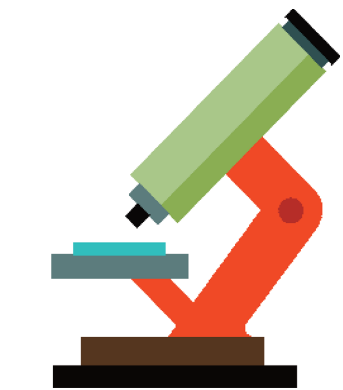
liver instruction to students. Teachers and students do not have to share a classroom space for this to occur, thus allowing a teacher and students to interact from different locations. Lessons can be recorded virtually and stored for students to access at various times.

**Question: How long will we be virtual?** We will begin virtually for the first 9 weeks. The district will make a decision within the first 9 week period if it will continue for the 2nd 9-weeks or choose another learning option for students. It is possible that virtual learning could last for all 4 9-week grading periods OR it could last for a partial number of the periods. The

community's response to COVID-19 and the number of cases will determine the length of time that the SCCSD will remain virtual.

**Question: Will students have access to school breakfast and lunch even though they are virtual?**

Students will have access to breakfast and lunch by picking it up from the school that they attend. Students or parents will be able to pick up lunches at their school site. When they pick up the lunch, they will also be picking up the next day's breakfast. There will potentially be delivery to the most rural areas of our district. Details will be forthcoming.





# Student Registration2020-2021



## Save the Date!

September 8th! This will mark the 1st day of 100% Virtual Learning in the Sunflower County Consolidated School District.

Have you registered your child/children? Only registered students will have access to their schedules in Active Parent.

Only registered/enrolled students will have access to the district's teaching and learning community.



Please ensure that your child is registered for school. The deadline to register has been extended to August 31st. Please contact your child's school for further registration information.

### Where do I begin you may ask?

Well, contact the school/schools in your community to begin student registration. We have an online process designed to make student registration much easier. Again, if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the school in your designated area.

### Who needs to register?

All students (virtual, traditional or hybrid) must be registered.

### What do I need to register?

Registration

Documents Required for Returning Students:  
2 Proofs of Residency, Compliant Form 121,  
MS Valid ID\*

Registration Documents Required for  
New Students: Birth Certificate, SS Card, Last Report Card (If applicable), 2 Proofs of Residency, Compliant Form 121, MS Valid ID\*  
7th grade students are required to have the T-Dap.

### \*Requirements relative to residency verification for student registration

Documents accepted for registration (must show residential address/service location)

Utility Bills

Voter Registration Card

Valid MS ID

Mortgage Documents or property deed

Apartment or home lease

Filed Homestead Exemption Application form

Vehicle registration

Certified copy of filed petition for guardianship

### PLEASE NOTE

Extended Deadline for Student Registration:  
**August 31st** by 4 p.m. to start class on 1st day  
There will be **NO** registration on **September 8th & 9th.**  
Please contact your child's school for more registration information.

## Homeschool vs 100% Virtual w/SCCSD

### Homeschool

- ✓ File a certificate of enrollment for each child with the local School Attendance Officer in the county where you reside
- ✓ Parent/Guardian provides homeschool curriculum, instruction, and technology
- ✓ No access to district instructional programs or support services
- ✓ No instructional support from SCCSD teachers
- ✓ Not eligible for district breakfast or lunch
- ✓ Tested for grade level placement upon return to the Sunflower County Consolidated School District
- ✓ Not eligible to participate in SCCSD extracurricular activities

### 100% Virtual Learning

- ✓ Register with a school in SCCSD
- ✓ Access to all district instructional materials and software
- ✓ Access to certified teachers and support services daily
- ✓ Grab-and-Go breakfast and lunch provided
- ✓ Chromebook provided
- ✓ Exceptional education supports and interventions provided
- ✓ Eligible to participate in extracurricular activities (pending Board approval)



# General Information



@SCCSD2



@TEAMSCCSD

School contact information as well as school websites can be found on our district website at [www.sunflower.k12.ms.us](http://www.sunflower.k12.ms.us).

**Central Office**  
**662.887.4919**  
The Superintendent's Office, Business Department, Personnel/Student Affairs Department, Technology Department, and Department of Federal Programs are all located at the Central Office.

**Administrative Building**  
**662.884.1200**  
The Curriculum Department, Exceptional Education Department, and Nursing Department are housed at the Administrative Building.

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](mailto:sccsdmedia@sunflower.k12.ms.us).

## STUDENT EXPECTATIONS FOR VIRTUAL LEARNING

- Attend all virtual classes assigned. Log in at least 5 minutes before classes are scheduled to begin
- Appropriate classroom behavior is expected in virtual classrooms. Respect the teacher and your peers.
- Find a distraction-free, quiet environment to log into your class or meeting. Have school supplies nearby (Ex. paper, pencil, any materials issued by the school, or etc.)
- Be energized, attentive, and ready to learn. Use a virtual background to keep your surroundings private. This will allow your teacher to see you and not your space. Use the chat box to ask your teacher questions.
- Please keep your device on mute until you want to speak. This will help to limit background noise.
- If you would like to speak or answer a question, use the "Raise Hand" feature. Then unmute yourself after you are called on by your teacher.
- Use earphones or a headset with an external mic for best hearing and speaking capabilities.
- Please take care of your personal needs (basic hygiene, eating, talking to others in your home, etc.) prior to entering a Zoom classroom. Remember to sign out or "leave the meeting" when the session is finished.

## VIRTUAL SUPPLY LIST—NOTEPAPER, PENCILS AND EARPHONES

### SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY FOR VIRTUAL LEARNING

The SCCSD will not require students who are engaged in virtual learning to wear school uniforms. Virtual learning typically involves a camera that shows an individual's upper body and face. Though uniforms will not be worn, students should be mindful of presentation via camera and adhere to the following rules from our traditional dress code policy:

- Hats, hair rollers, head wraps, bandanas, and "Do-Rags" are not to be worn. Use of dark glasses is limited to students with medical prescriptions.
- Any accessory or clothing item that advertises drugs, alcoholic beverages, tobacco products, obscene language/gestures and/or bullying shall not be permitted. Midriffs shall not be exposed. Tank tops, muscle shirts or halter-tops shall not be allowed.
- No see-through clothing may be worn. Excessively tight or revealing clothing is prohibited. Mouth pieces/jewelry/teeth coverings will not be allowed.

### SCCSD TECHNOLOGY OVERVIEW

\*The Sunflower County Consolidated School District (SCCSD) is awaiting approval from the Mississippi Department of Education (MDE) for the purchase of hotspots. Hotspots cannot be purchased until we are granted approval from MDE. \*\*All delivery dates are subject to COVID-19 shipping and processing delays.

Student Overview	Teacher Overview
K-5th Grade (Chromebook) Expected Arrival (9/2/2020)	Laptop (9/2/20) Hotspots* (Not Ordered)
6th-12th Grade (Laptop) Expected Arrival (9/2/20)	Protective Sleeve (9/2/20) Webcam (9/17/20)
Hotspots* (Not Ordered)	Headset for Webcam (9/17/20)
Protective Sleeve and Case Expected Arrival (9/2/20)	







# VIRTUAL LEARNING TIPS



# FOR PARENTS

**Limit Distractions.** A “digital quarantine” might be necessary to keep your child’s attention focused on their schoolwork.

**Make Space for Learning.** It’s important to set up a quiet, clutter-free area if your child is learning full-time from home.

**Maintain Breaks.** Routines and schedules are extremely important for children at school, and this is no different at-home.

**Balance Screen Time.** Overuse of screen time can have adverse impacts on young brains, so it’s important to mix it up during a time like this.

**Use accessibility features.** Most devices have built-in assistive technology . For example, read aloud or text-to-speech can help struggling readers.

**Reach out to your child’s teacher.** Set up a direct line of communication by email, text, phone calls, or even video conferencing. Also, check in with other parents to see what they’ve found effective, and ask if they need help as well.

**Use a Schedule.** Having a clear vision of what is expected of your child will help them see that just because they are home does not mean they don’t have work to do.



## SCCSD Technology Overview

### Student Overview

Kindergarten through 5th Grade	Expected Arrival**	6th Grade through 12th Grade	Expected Arrival**
Chromebook	9/2/2020	Laptop	9/2/2020
Hotspots*	Not Ordered	Hotspots*	Not Ordered
Protective Sleeve and Case	9/2/2020	Protective Sleeve and Case	9/2/2020

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### Teacher Overview

All SCCSD Certified Teachers	Expected Arrival**
Laptop	9/2/2020
Hotspots*	Not Ordered
Protective Sleeve	9/2/2020
Webcam	9/17/2020
Headset for Webcam	9/17/2020

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## SCCSD Technology Distribution

Parents and Guardians, please be sure to pick up or download a copy of the Sunflower County Consolidated School District Technology Manual at the following locations:

- The main office of your student’s school
- The SCCSD Central Office
- 196 N. MLK Drive, (Hwy. 49) Indianola, MS 38751
- The SCCSD Website
- [www.sunflower.k12.ms.us](http://www.sunflower.k12.ms.us)
- SCCSD Facebook Page
- <https://www.facebook.com/TEAMSCCSD/>
- SCCSD Twitter Page
- @sccsd2

### Technology Usage Fee

Each student in the SCCSD will receive a computer and a hotspot. For each device, there will be a \$25 annual technology usage fee. This technology usage fee covers the insurance protection for each technological device each student receives.

#### Examples of the Technology Usage Fee

- If a student chooses to accept a SCCSD computer and hotspot, there would be a \$50 dollar technology usage fee.
- If a student chooses to accept a SCCSD computer but not a hotspot, there would be a \$25 dollar technology usage fee.
- If a family with two students accepts a SCCSD computer and hotspot, there would be a \$100 dollar technology usage fee.

Please stay tuned for more information regarding the SCCSD Technology Distribution.

## SCCSD Connectivity Overview

Each site of the Sunflower County Consolidated School District now has outdoor internet access. If a student or parent needs internet access for school work or business, and does not have access to the internet at home, they can pull into the main parking lot at the following sites:

A. W. James Elementary	400 South Blvd.	Drew, MS 38737
Carver Elementary	404 Jefferson St.	Indianola, MS 38751
East Sunflower Elementary	212 E. Claiborne Street	Sunflower, MS 38778
Inverness Elementary	1101 Oak Street	Inverness, MS 38753
Rosser Early Learning Center	601 Ingram Street	Moorhead, MS 38761
Lockard Elementary	302 College Street	Indianola, MS 38751
Ruleville Central Elementary	410 L. F. Packer Drive	Ruleville, MS 38771
Drew Hunter Middle	10 Swoope Road	Drew, MS 38737
Merritt Middle	705 Kinlock Rd.	Indianola, MS 38751
Moorhead Central	908 Washington	Moorhead, MS 38761
Ruleville Middle	250 E. Oscar	Ruleville, MS 38771
Gentry High	801 B.B. King Dr.	Indianola, MS 38751
Ruleville Central High	360 L.F. Packer Drive	Ruleville, MS 38771
Central Office	196 N. MLK Dr.	Indianola, MS 38751
Admin. Building	702 Hwy 82	Indianola, MS 38751
Drew Admin. Building	286 West Park St.	Drew, MS 38751

You will see SCCSD-Public as an internet option on your device. Please contact your child's school for the password.



Grading

All assignments and assessments will be graded unless otherwise noted by the teacher. Students must put forth their best effort in order to master the standards and receive passing grades. We will follow the chart below for grading:

Major (Weight=50%)		Minor (Weight=25%)		Exam (Weight=25%)	
Assignment Type: Face-to-Face assignments	Virtual	Face-to-Face	Virtual	Face-to-Face	Virtual
Test (Formative assessments/Midterms, and etc...)	Tests (within LMS parameters)	Pop Quiz	Pop Quiz	Exam- Benchmarks	Exam-Benchmarks (TBD based upon LMS)
Quiz	Quiz	Essay	Essay		
Term paper	Term paper	Classwork	Classwork, Discussion Board questions, Completed digital assignments.		
Project	Project	Homework	Homework		
Presentation	Presentation				

- Below is the explanation for each grading category:
1. Tests are bi-weekly assessments and administered based on the testing schedule. NO other tests should be administered. (Not the Benchmark or 9-Weeks' tests!)

2. Quizzes are assessments that have less than 20 questions.

3. Projects are cumulative performance-based assessments in which students compose or demonstrate learning over a period of time. There is an end-product and may also include a presentation of this product to the class.


4. Presentations are speeches, recitations, oral deliveries, verbally guided PowerPoints, etc. in which students speak about learning in front of an audience/virtually (teacher, student, parents, etc.)

5. Pop Quizzes are unannounced quizzes that occur after sufficient teaching and learning have occurred.

6. Exit Tickets, independent practice, and other activities that occur within the class or virtually after sufficient teaching and learning have occurred are considered Classwork.

Curriculum

Sunflower County Consolidated School District will provide quality instruction using the Mississippi College and Career Readiness Standards. Those standards may be found at [www.mdek12.org](http://www.mdek12.org) . Digital textbooks and other resources will be used and provided to our students. Students will receive instruction and access to resources from their teachers via Canvas. Contact your child's school for individual student schedules.




Canvas

Our learning management system is Canvas. It is used by K-12 schools and colleges & universities worldwide. This system allows us to house all of your child's classes in one platform. It allows teachers to post assignments, information, and grades for both students and parents to view. Students will access Canvas through Clever. This is located under the parent/student tab on [www.sunflower.k12.ms.us](http://www.sunflower.k12.ms.us) . Also, under the parent/student link is a Canvas for Parents link. Parents will be able to join Canvas as an observer. This will allow them to see upcoming assignments and announcements. The Canvas app can be downloaded onto Apple and Android devices to provide mobile accessibility. Steps and videos for accessing Canvas will be provided by the schools as soon as the site is ready for students.

Zoom

Students will engage in live Zoom sessions to receive daily instruction. Zoom will be accessible through Canvas; so there will be only one platform to log into. The links to join classes will be easily accessible within each student's course within Canvas by simply selecting the Zoom tab and clicking on the class meeting link.





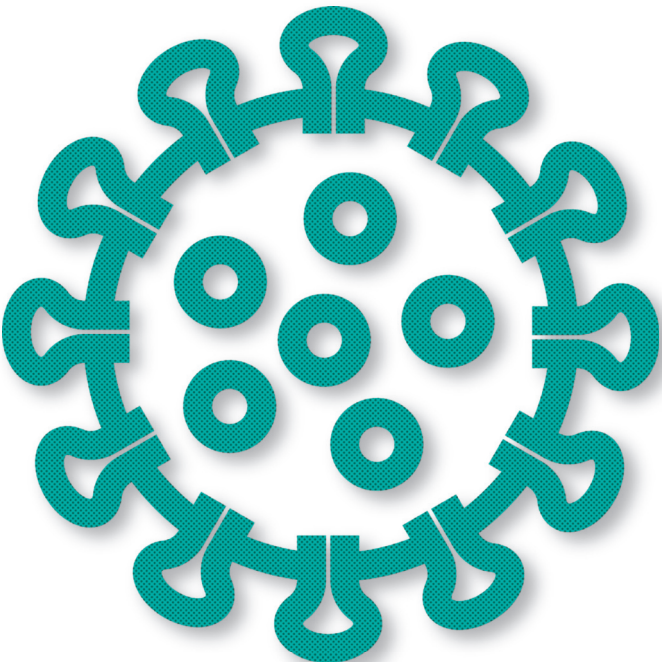
# Medical Advice

## mask-wearing, sanitation at home



Schools are direct extensions of our community. The spread of contagious illnesses in our neighborhoods results in higher risks for disease spreading in our schools.

Therefore, the following actions will mitigate the spread of COVID-19 and help our students stay well while learning from home.

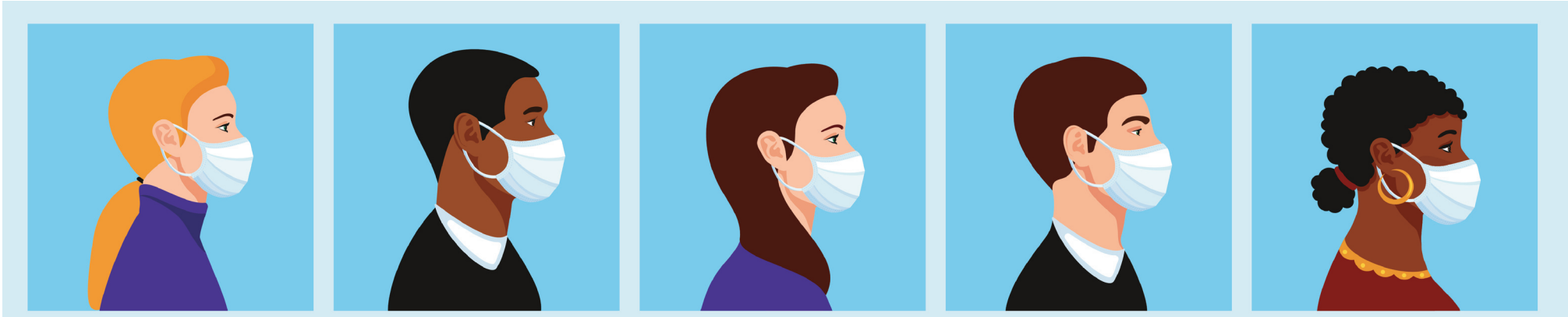


- **Avoid large gatherings and crowds.** In general, the more closely you interact with others, and the longer that interaction, the higher the risk of COVID-19 spread.
  - If you decide to engage in public activities, continue to protect yourself by wearing a face mask.
  - Wear a face mask in public settings and when around people who do not live in your household, especially when social distancing measures are challenging to maintain.
  - Wearing a face mask protects other people in case you are infected.
- Wash your hands often with soap & water for at least 20 seconds, especially after you have been in a public place, or after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.
- Use household disinfectants to clean & disinfect frequently touched surfaces daily. This includes tables, door-knobs, light switches, countertops, handles, desks, phones, keyboards, toilets, faucets, and sinks.
- **STAY HOME WHEN SICK!**
- District Nurses are available Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m. during virtual learning. They will also provide weekly health checks with parents and/or students with individualized health care plans before the COVID-19 pandemic.
  - Nurse Hibbler- 662-207-9314
  - Nurse Wilson- 662-207-2134
  - Nurse Cole- 662-207-4517

## Immunization Requirements

- The immunization requirements for school registration will remain the same during the virtual learning model. The local health departments will offer an immunization clinic to support parents/guardians with getting required school shots. The immunization clinic dates are Monday-Wednesday. Simply call for an appointment time.

Site Address: (Indianola) 227 North MLK Avenue/ 662-887-4951
- The MyIR Mobile app allows parents to conveniently check their child’s immunizations record online and print out the required Certificate of Immunization Compliance (Form 121) for school registration. MyIR Mobile is available at [www.MyIRMobile.com](http://www.MyIRMobile.com). Parents can visit [HealthyMS.com/myIR](http://HealthyMS.com/myIR) for guidelines for using this new service.





# Principals' Messages



**Barbara C. Akon,**  
Principal  
**A.W. James Elementary School**

As we transition back to school, we are not the same as when we left, our students are not the same, our communities are not the same, our schools are not the same, our world is not the same; it's a whole new world!

And what a great opportunity to be better for the new world, the new way of educating, the new mindset, the new students, the new technological age. We have learned so much about ourselves when facing the unknown and needing to find ways to adjust and succeed.

There is much from this pandemic that we can bring into this new year and I trust that each of us will take the challenge to make this new world a better world for our students. Welcome to the challenges of 2020-2021; Let's make it a Great Year!!!!



**Brenda Singleton**  
Principal  
**Inverness Elementary School**

I am delighted to be welcoming our children and families back for the 2020-2021 school year!

While our learning will begin online, our team will continue to reach higher and further through online learning platforms to provide engaging and challenging learning experiences to students. One of the greatest characteristics of the IES learning community is the genuine care and compassion shared between staff, students, and parents. Inverness Elementary is a place where staff and families come together to ensure that the children entrusted into our care grow to be productive, confident, compassionate, members of a global society.

I look forward to an amazing year!



**Sonia Bolden**  
Principal  
**Carver Elementary School**

As the principal of Carver Elementary School, I would like to extend a Carver Pride's welcome to our family and community members. As we embark on our journey, we ask that you join in as we set forth to grow as one.

We hope that you become a part of the engagement initiatives set forth to foster a learning environment which is safe and positive while making learning fun. This can only be successful with the engagement of all stakeholders.

We look forward to working together in creating a sense of unity at our place where students, staff, parents, and community members are always pushed to excel.



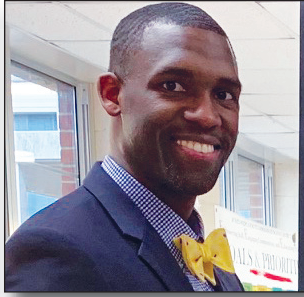
**Earnest L. Nelson, Jr.,**  
Principal  
**Ruleville Middle School**

I am extremely fortunate to lead a school with such dynamic children, a motivated and dedicated staff, and parents who work collaboratively to create an environment that fosters student and school success. This year will be an unprecedented year amidst the COVID-19 pandemic. The Sunflower County Consolidated School District has made efforts to provide the best and safest scenarios for all stakeholders to return safely to the school setting. Your child's safety and education is our top priority! We look forward to working together with you to make your child's educational experience a positive one even amidst this current health crisis.



**Daisy Hawkins,**  
Principal  
**Rosser Early Learning Center**

Our vision is to foster children's love for learning and give them a solid foundation to build on socially, emotionally, and academically. We are fully committed to laying the foundation for the future.



**Christopher Turner**  
Principal  
**Robert L. Merritt Jr. High School**

Welcome to Robert L. Merritt Jr. High! This year we are faced with the daunting task of adequately educating our students on a virtual platform. I want you to know that we are committed to making sure we provide the best virtual educational experience we possibly can. This is new territory for all of us, but we are confident that we can make it happen with your support! With this message, I am encouraging you to support this entire process as we work diligently to continue academic success at Robert L. Merritt Jr. High School. Let's have a great year.



**Errick M. Lakes**  
Principal  
**Thomas E. Edwards, Sr. High School**

I hope you had a great summer, and are well rested. As you all know, we have a long road ahead of us, especially through this global pandemic. As the new normalcy has already forced us to do things a little differently, we will continue to move Thomas E. Edwards, Sr. High School to level of success desired by all.

I am certain that your minds are racing all over the place, with questions of concerns and uncertainty, but I along with Supt. Davis, the SCCSD school board, Tiger staff and your supporters recognize that we are faced with a set of unique and unusual circumstances, and have been working tirelessly and diligently to ensure all impacted parties are safe, whenever they enter our building, and we look forward to working with all stakeholders in the community to help ensure Thomas E. Edwards, Sr. High School models a spirit of excellence.

Again, we recognize the challenges that we face, as we seek to become a premiere high school. But with your help, I believe we can rise to the occasion, and prove to ourselves and everyone watching that the sky is not the limit, just our first stop! "Together We Will!"



**Edmond Williams**  
Principal  
**Gentry High School**

We look forward to the beginning of a positive and productive school year at Gentry High School as we embrace the many challenges we will face. Our true aim is to grow in accountability and sustain a quality instructional system. We are willing to be transparent and share our efforts to achieve that goal with the help of all stakeholders involved, most importantly students and parents.



**Khalilah Ransom**  
Director/Director of Virtual Learning  
**Indianola Academic Achievement Center**

In spite of COVID-19, I hope you and your loved one have been able to enjoy some typical summer activities. It has definitely made me realize that patience, flexibility and understanding are vital characteristics needed to work our way through this. Get ready for a school year filled with adventure and experiences like no other! I am confident that we will be Better Together through the challenges that lie ahead because we are #WINNING!



**Glen Newsom**  
Principal  
**Moorhead Central School**

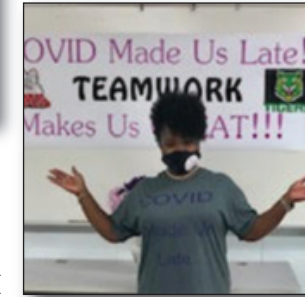
At Moorhead Central, our motto is: Motivating Children to Succeed. We are more determined than ever to ensure that every child has the instruction and supports they need to be successful. Each and every one of our children has the potential to become the next generation of teachers, doctors, lawyers, scientists, authors, artists, etc. and our staff is dedicated to equipping our children with the education they need to achieve their dreams.



**Daphne Heflin**  
Principal  
**Lockard Elementary School**

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the end of the 2019-2020 school year was nothing less than shocking and caught us all by surprise! As a result of the same, the 2020-2021 school year will, in many ways, be incomparable to hundreds of school years past.

In the face of the differences, changes and challenges, Lockard faculty and staff continue our commitment to "be our BEST today... then repeat." Being our BEST for students is an honor, and we look forward to a school year full of student growth and achievement.



**Rosalind Johnson**  
Principal  
**Indianola Career and Technical Center**

Even though we are beginning this school year in a non-traditional way, the tradition of ensuring ALL students receive an exceptional education remains our top priority. The Career and Technical Education programs offered this year at ICTC are Business, Carpentry, Health Sciences, Metal Fabrication, and Teacher Academy. In our determination to ensure that all students are College and Career Ready upon graduation, ICTC has now partnered with MS Delta Community College to offer dual enrollment to our first year Business and second year Metal Fabrication students. Indeed this is truly an exciting time for CTE!



**Latasha Carroll**  
Principal  
**Ruleville Central Elementary School**

As we begin the 2020-2021 school year, I will continue to work hard to meet the needs of my teachers, staff, students and Ruleville community. We will begin virtual learning on September 8th. I encourage all TIGERS to hang in there, regardless of the obstacles we may face. We will work together to be the absolute best we can be. I look forward to seeing all of you virtually.



**Tony Young**  
Principal  
**Drew Hunter Middle School**

It brings me great joy to know that our students will be officially starting school in a few days. Even though learning will be different from what it has been in the previous years, I'm still excited about the fact that our students will be learning at a high level. We have developed a culture of hard work and dedication at Drew Hunter Middle and expect nothing less than hard work and dedication. Drew Hunter is a small school with a big heart. I believe with all my heart that we shall and will continue to be #Winners even in these trying times. I look forward to an amazing 2020-2021 school year. May the winning begin!!!!



**Sawanda T. Washington**  
Principal  
**East Sunflower Elementary School**

I am honored to welcome the faculty and staff of East Sunflower Elementary and the students and parents of the Sunflower community back for the 2020 - 2021 school year! While our learning will begin virtually, our team is committed to engaging all scholars through our online learning platforms and supporting parents to work with students in their homes. Together, we will face challenges; however, our primary responsibilities are to guarantee all students receive a quality education and have positive learning experiences. By safely working together, our children will continue to grow as proficient readers, writers, mathematicians, problem solvers, and productive citizens who will one day graduate college, career and community ready. I am looking forward to serving the Sunflower community and having a productive school year!