



SUNFLOWER COUNTY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT

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“United for Excellence”

Weekly Information Blast: July 22, 2020

Tentative Re-Open Plan (Updated): As it currently stands, schools in Mississippi will be expected to resume this fall. The SCCSD will open on August 10, 2020 and parents will have 2 options for their children.

1. *Hybrid Option:* Under this option, each school’s student population will be divided. One half will report on Mondays and Wednesdays, while the other half reports on Tuesdays and Thursdays. While students are away from school, they will be working virtually on assignments from their on-site days. If those students do not have access to technology for their off-site days, they will be able to complete learning packets. Group determinations are currently being made, with consideration of families. Parents will be notified of the specific days. Children in the same houses are being grouped together.
2. *100% Virtual Option:* Under this option, students will work fully from home via their own devices and internet. They will complete lessons assigned to them by their teachers, but will not physically be on campus. The devices and internet for this option will be the responsibility of the parent/guardian initially. If a parent wishes to move a child from the virtual option to the hybrid option, they will have to wait until the next 9 week grading period begins. There is a waiver for this option that must be signed. The waiver can be found at the school, but is also on our Social Media pages and website as well.

Students must be officially registered whether parents/guardians choose the hybrid or virtual options. Contact the school for registration questions. More information will be forthcoming as the plan is further developed. Feel free to contact us with questions/concerns (sccsdmedia@sunflower.k12.ms.us).

Uniform Policy: Students who attend school via the hybrid option will wear uniforms as normal. The only change to the uniform policy is that masks are now mandated to be worn with the uniform.

COVID-19 Mythbusters

With so much information regarding the Coronavirus, unfortunately, there is also an abundance of misinformation as well. Check out this week’s myth and factual response!

Myth: *Ingesting alcohol, chlorine, bleach, or other disinfectants can kill the Coronavirus.*

Fact: *Spraying alcohol or chlorine on your body won’t kill viruses that have entered your body.*

These substances also can harm your eyes, mouth and clothes. When applied to surfaces, disinfectants can help kill germs such as the COVID-19 virus. However, don’t use disinfectants on your body, inject them into your body or swallow them. Disinfectants can irritate the skin and be toxic if swallowed or injected into the body.

CARES Funding: SCCSD, like other public school districts, have been approved to receive funding through the CARES Act. This funding was specifically issued as a response to the

COVID-19 pandemic in order to ensure that districts could continue to adequately educate students in the midst of a shutdown. These funds had guidelines for use (example: could not be used on salaries or to supplement salaries). We have largely used the funds to cover 2 major areas.

- **Technology:** The pandemic has forced us to work towards plans that allow us to go 100% virtual at any moment. As a result, we have purchased laptops, hotspots, and headsets for all students and teachers. Camera equipment has been purchased for classrooms as well to allow for effective video options for teachers.
- **Academic Programs:** The learning management system that will be used for all of our online learning courses (Canvas) has been purchased, as well as platforms like Zoom that will allow for recorded and live video. Intense virtual professional development has been purchased to ensure that teachers can effectively manage student learning virtually.

Below is the amount of funding the District is projected to receive from the CARES funding and how it is planned to be expended. SCCSD is required to provide funding opportunities from our allotment of CARES monies to the non-public schools in the county, to include Restoration Ministries, Indianola Academy and North Sunflower Academy. Non-public schools have the option to opt out of receiving funding. However, if they would like to be considered for CARES funding, they must complete a household income survey for each of their students, and the income must fall within a predetermined range, set by MDE and the USDE, in order to be eligible for funding.

The District will divide the CARES money between our 12 Title I school sites, and they will purchase the technology for students and staff based on their projected student enrollment. The following chart shows you the cumulative amounts spent and what has been purchased. Even though the funds have not been received, SCCSD has been granted spending authority based on our projected allocation.

CARES Funding Expenditures

CARES Funding Allocation \$2,390,198.01			
Equipment/ Supplies/ Services	Total Amount Spent <i>*added totals from individual schools</i>	Audience	Purchased? Yes or No
ChromeBooks and Laptops	\$1,837,651.74	Students and Staff	Yes
Wireless Access Points for each school	\$37,500.00	Individual Schools	Yes
Hotspots	\$3,500	Students at each school	Pending
Internet Service for Hotspots	\$56,000	Students at each school	Pending
CANVAS	\$76,694.90	Students at each school	Yes

Learning Management System			
Safety Supplies	\$12,000	Safety leaders at schools	Yes
Syllabus Creation	\$64,142.70	Teachers at certain schools who created syllabi for CANVAS	Yes
CANVAS Training	\$12,000	School staff	Yes
Non-Public School potential funding allotment	\$266,697.46	Restoration Ministries Indianola Academy North Sunflower Academy	No
Indirect Cost	\$24,011.20	District Used for advertising, bidding, shipping, any costs not accounted for in purchases. CANNOT be used for salaries.	No

In addition to the CARES money that was utilized to purchase technology and virtual academic resources and training, the District has already spent money from its District Maintenance Fund, to the tune of almost \$200,000, to purchase sanitation items such as the ones listed below, and is expecting to expend much more, even under the threat of state funding cuts.

- Face Masks/Gloves
- Hand Sanitizers
- Hand Sanitizer Dispensers for classrooms and all buses
- Fogging machines and hospital grade disinfectant for all schools and buses
- Face shields for all staff
- Disinfectant spray for all schools
- Coveralls and goggles for all custodians
- Dispensers, foaming soap, and hand sanitizers for all schools and restrooms
- Alcohol wipes
- Touchless thermometers for all schools
- Barcode scanners for time clock system
- COVID signage
- ECOVASIVE (90 day disinfectant and sanitation treatment for all schools and buses).

Schools are also ordering sanitation supplies that are specific to their individual school needs to include face shields for the smaller students that will allow for teachers to see their mouths during phonics and reading classes. Additional masks and cleaning supplies are also being purchased at the school level. Portable food warmers have been ordered to safely transport food to classrooms. Traveling carts have also been purchased for teachers who will move from class to class. Principals are charged with making school specific purchases that will best meet the needs of their students and staff.

As always, if you have additional questions, feel free to call (662.887.4919), email (sccsdmedia@sunflower.k12.ms.us), or contact your child's school. You can also find weekly information on our Facebook page (TeamSCCSD), Twitter account (@SCCSD2), and our website (www.sunflower.k12.ms.us) which is currently being redesigned.