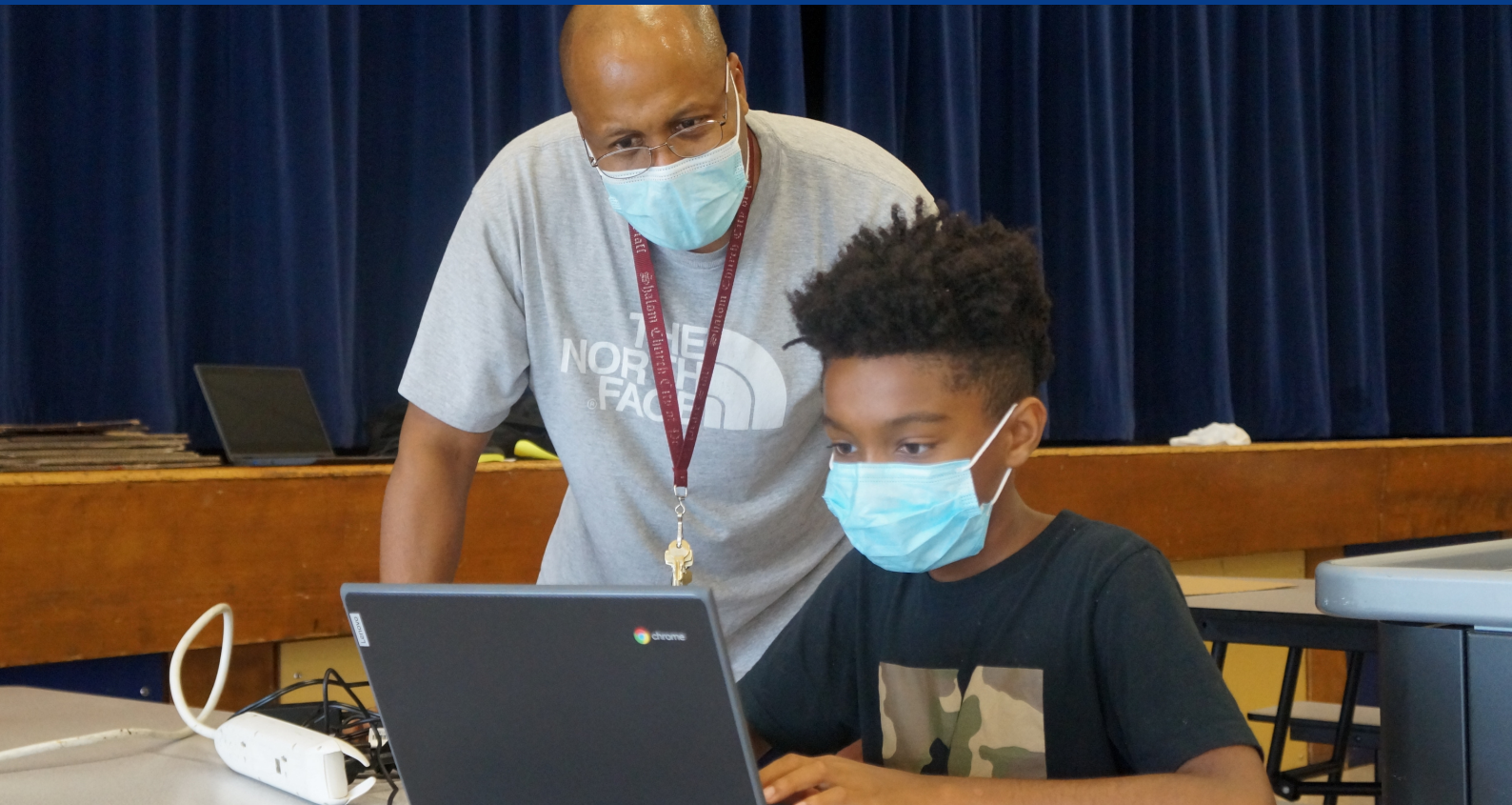




# THE INSIDE VIEW

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## DATES SET FOR RETURN TO IN-PERSON LEARNING

The Riverview Gardens School District's Special Administrative Board approved a plan that will allow for the return of students to in-person classroom instruction very soon. Pre-K - Grade 2 students will return on March 8, 2021. Grades 3 - 12 will return to in-person classroom instruction on March 15, 2021.

Parents and guardians have the option to choose whether their children will return to in-person classroom instruction on the dates listed above or remain in 100% virtual learning through the end of the 2020-21 school year.

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### RIVERVIEW GARDENS SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

#### IMPORTANT DATES

**2/05 - RETURN TO SCHOOL  
PARENT SURVEYS DUE**

**2/10 - LEWIS & CLARK PTO  
MEETING 6PM**

**2/12 - TEACHER WORK DAY  
NO SCHOOL**

**2/15 - PRESIDENT'S DAY  
NO SCHOOL**

**2/22 - PARENT ADVISORY  
COUNCIL MEETING 6PM**

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Before making your decision, please read carefully through the attached [COVID-19 Parent Information & Procedures](#) document. This document highlights some of the health and safety protocols in place. This information will aid you in making an informed decision on whether your child will return to in-person classroom instruction or remain 100% virtual.

Additionally, you may view the full [2020-21 Return to School Plan](#) on the RGSD website.

Please be advised that your choice for your student(s) to attend in-person classroom instruction or to remain in 100% virtual learning will be for the rest of the second semester (or until further notice) and cannot be changed.

[CLICK HERE TO FIND YOUR CHILD'S RETURN TO IN-PERSON CLASSROOM INSTRUCTION SURVEY](#)



## RIVERVIEW EXCELLENCE

**Cassandra Bowers**, a math instructor at Westview Middle School, was recently selected as one of Missouri's Outstanding Beginning Teachers by the Missouri Association of Colleges for Teacher Education (MACTE). Every two years MACTE honors exemplary new teachers across the state for their work with Missouri's youth.

"The pandemic will not stop me from building relationships with my students and continuing to teach them math," said Bowers.

"It just means that I get to be creative and learn different ways to incorporate skills. The resilience that we all have learned this year will be something that we will never forget."

**Dr. Scott Spurgeon**, Superintendent of Schools, was elected as the 2021 Chairman of the Board by the North County Incorporated (NCI) Board of Directors.

"I want to publicly thank the North County Incorporated Executive Board, and the Board of Directors," Spurgeon stated.

"I'm excited to work with the amazing leaders from around North County that volunteer their time on our board of directors to reach each of our goals to support a thriving community for North St. Louis County."





## KIDS WHO READ SUCCEED

**STUDENT "A"**  
**READS 20 MIN.**  
**EACH DAY**



**1,800,000 words**  
**90th percentile**

**STUDENT "B"**  
**READS 5 MIN.**  
**EACH DAY**



**282,000 words**  
**50th percentile**

**STUDENT "B"**  
**READS 5 MIN.**  
**EACH DAY**



**8,000 words**  
**10th percentile**

Source: Nagy, Anderson & Herman, 1987



## CHROMEBOOK UPDATE

The Riverview Gardens School District recently received a large number of backordered Chromebooks. If your child did not previously receive a Chromebook from their school, please contact your child's teacher or the school's front office.

If your child received an older device, or is currently experiencing technical difficulties with their device, be sure to contact the school for assistance.

## PROP R PROMISE KEPT

## BEFORE

## AFTER



## THE SUPER'S REVIEW

By Dr. Scott Spurgeon, Superintendent of Schools

Riverview Gardens School District is preparing to bring students back into the buildings for in-person classroom instruction. Our staff is excited and ready for the return of our scholars and their smiling faces. We have prepared extensively to ensure that we provide a safe and healthy learning environment for those who decide to return to in-person classroom instruction in March.

Parents and guardians, you can help us by taking the time to ensure that your contact information with RGSD is up-to-date. It is important that we have your current home address, phone number and email address so that we can keep you informed with critical information and reach you in case of emergency. To update your contact information, you may contact your child's school directly or submit any changes to your information on the form below:

<https://forms.gle/RnAbKr8K56li4WYz8>



Thank You and It's Always a Great Day to Be a Ram!