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Dr. Henry Webb, Superintendent of Schools

KCSD ISSUE PAPER

DATE:

September 1, 2020

AGENDA ITEM (ACTION ITEM):

Consider/Approve returning to in-person classes on September 28, 2020 utilizing the District In-Person Instructional Dashboard except with a directive from the Governor, Department of Public Health, Local Health Department or the Education Commissioner.

APPLICABLE BOARD POLICY:

01.11 – General Powers & Duties of the Board

HISTORY/BACKGROUND:

COVID-19 has had a profound impact on our everyday life worldwide, in our country, our state, our region, and our county. Educational institutions which serve our most precious resources, our kids, and are the backbone of democracy and economic development have been significantly impacted as we have not been to school in person since March 13th, 2020. During this unprecedented time TEAM KENTON has performed amazingly and we cannot thank them enough. Also, our kids have simply been amazing as they have displayed incredible resiliency and our parents/guardians continue to be supportive and patient although their lives have been disrupted daily by our currently reality. While everyone is to be commended for doing their very best and we believe our current system is very good, on-line learning is not a long term replacement for in-person learning. We know the benefits of being in school for kids with respect to teaching/learning, social emotional wellbeing, relationships, social interaction, student nutrition and a sense of belonging. We also fully understand the risk of kids not being in school daily to include deep concerns with instructional regression, social emotional well-being of students/staff and feeding of our kids. The Center for Disease Control and the American Association of Pediatrics both agree with this and state that kids need to have in-person learning. They also state and we totally agree that we must consider spread in the community. One of the most difficult parts of this entire situation is a lack of specific data for local communities and schools to make informed decisions. This is not meant to be critical of anyone as everyone is working very hard. We went to work after the last recommendation to not be in school on a district dashboard that we can utilize to make decisions with regards to in-person learning. The current model has evolved over time and while the current model does not contain a testing component for all staff/stakeholders it is ready for testing should we need it going forward. However, a testing component is included for student athletes in the moderate/high risk areas as outlined by KHSAA guidance. It is important to note that our dashboard has been reviewed by KDE, DPH, Local Health Department and St. Elizabeth for feedback/recommendations. Our team has spent countless hours developing a guidance document to ensure we mitigate risk for our students/staff and families while in school. Additionally, we have been and will continue to be engaged with state/local health officials to ensure we stay up to date on current guidance to ensure we mitigate all risk

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to the maximum extent possible. To reiterate our current approach to mitigate risk for all stakeholders, the district has the expectation and it is in our guidance document that symptomatic individuals stay home and they should not enter our facilities. Additionally, we have a strong guidance document that will mitigate risk for all stakeholders while in our facilities and we are committed to implementing this with fidelity. Now, we have a dashboard to include matrix that will be utilized to make district and school specific decisions based on data that must be submitted daily to the Department of Public Health and also utilizes data on the state dashboard for cases per 100,000. Lastly, we have a testing component for our athletes in high contact sports with no PPE and we stand ready if needed to expand testing to further mitigate risk. In closing it is imperative that our community at large continue to follow state public official's guidance to ensure we not only return to in-person classes but we stay in in-person classes.

The district will review information shared from the state Department of Education, and /or public health officials with regards to a potential dashboard they may share with all schools in the near future. Based on this review, the district may recommend changing to their model, modifying our current dashboard using information from their model or remain with our current model. We will keep all stakeholders and our board updated as we receive this new information.

As superintendent of our district I believe that this recommendation to our Board of Education is one that is reasonable, measured and responsible with the mitigation of risk and in line with safety being our #1 Priority. We once again, thank all of our TEAM KENTON FAMILY for their unwavering commitment to our TEAM. We appreciate everyone's patience and support during this unprecedented time.

FISCAL/BUDGETARY IMPACT:

TBD: Cost of Testing of Athletes to be reimbursed by FEMA or paid for with CARES funding

RECOMMENDATION:

Approval of Returning to in-person classes on September 28, 2020 utilizing the District In-Person Instructional Dashboard except with a directive from the Governor, Department of Public Health, Local Health Department or the Education Commissioner.

CONTACT PERSON:

Henry Webb, Superintendent

Principal/Administrator

District Administrator



Superintendent

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KCSD In-Person Instructional Dashboard

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Total Number of Positive Cases Reported in KCSD

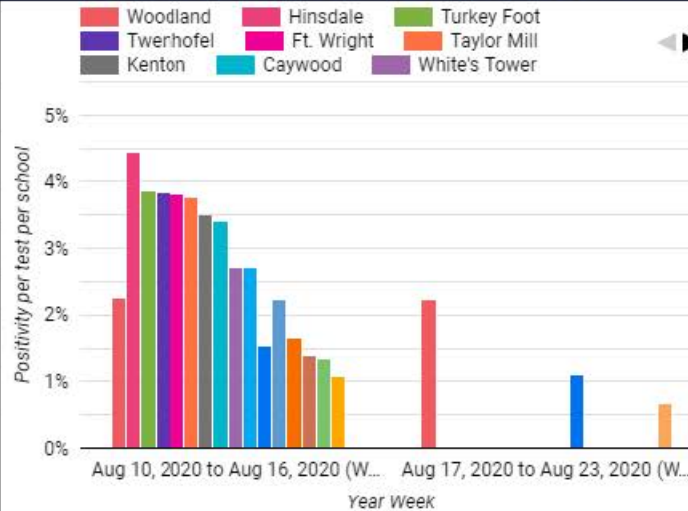
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Total Positive Cases by Site

School	Cumulative Total of Positive Cases Per Site	# Quarantined
Turkey Foot	32	0
Twenhofel	29	1
River Ridge	22	2
Ft. Wright	20	1
Dixie Heights	20	0
Hinsdale	20	1
Beechgrove	18	0
Caywood	17	3
Grand total	284	13

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Total % Positive Cases by Site - Weekly Data



KCSD District Closure Matrix (to in-person instruction-14 Calendar Days)

5% District-wide Positive Rate and/or
25+ Cases Per 100,000 People Countywide
and/or
Review of Quarantine Data and the impact on
schools and/or
Directive from Department of Public Health

KCSD Total Positivity for Most Recent Week
Based on School Reporting to DPH

0.87%

KCSD will adhere to the following guidelines:

1. Follow Healthy at Schools/KDE/[District Guidance Document](#) with fidelity.
2. Any positive report of a student athlete in the sports designated by NFHS/KHSAA as moderate or high risk will require 10% random testing of that team. 5% positive results and above of those tested will result in the stoppage of the program and/or the number of quarantined players will also be considered when making determinations about the program. Program closure number of days will be determined after consultation with the local health department.
3. The district may implement a testing system for all schools should it be necessary.
4. District will work with local health department and follow guidance/decision tree for any positive test. ([Decision Tree](#))
5. Staff /students with documented preexisting conditions as defined by public health officials, specific to COVID-19, will be accommodated.

KCSD School Decision Matrix (% of Positive Cases Reported to DPH)

0 -2.0%

- Focus on implementation of the *District Guidance Document with Fidelity*.

2.1 -4.99%

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- Schools required to review and further reduce student movement in school.
- Correspondence with staff/families about importance of following all recommended guidance.
- [Documented extra cleaning](#).

5.0%-Above

- School closed to in-person learning for 14 days (synchronous learning will be utilized) (Athletics will be viewed independently utilizing contact tracing results)
- Return to yellow upon return.