

## Principal's Report April 20, 2020

### Charter Goals

**Goal #1** Show an annual increase in the percentage of graduates that are college and career ready as defined by the state.

**Goal #2** Show an annual increase in student participation in additional rigorous coursework through positive relationships, community building activities, family engagement, and student support.

**Goal #3** Show an annual decrease in the achievement gap for historically underachieving populations (SPED, ELL, socio-economically disadvantaged, and minority students).

### Academics/School Update of Events

#### **School Closure**

As of 4.20.2020, school is closed through April. The closure of school is made by the Governor. It is not a local decision. As a school and district, we find out what is going to happen next on live TV. We are prepared to finish the school virtually if necessary.

#### **South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE)- State Superintendent Molly Spearman**

The areas of focus at the high school from the SDCE is for every student to matriculate, for seniors to graduate on time, and for seniors to experience Prom and Graduation.

CCSD is working with the North Charleston Coliseum for possible later dates for graduation ceremonies. Mrs. Quinn, JI Prom Coordinator, has already rescheduled Prom for May 30, 2020. She has contacted the Gaillard Center for possible additional dates if needed.

#### **3rd Quarter and 4th Quarter Grading Update:**

The State Department of Education continues to share updates that impact how the extended school closure impacts education resulting from COVID-19. The biggest change will be how Semester 2 grades will be averaged. There will not be a 4th Quarter grade or grades for final exams. The semester grade will reflect work completed and mastery demonstrated during the second semester but will not be reported as two separate grades.



#### **eLearning Update**

eLearning has gone amazing well. The overwhelming majority of the credit needs to go to the teachers, students, and parents. This is certainly an unprecedented time for all of us. The closing of the country, and consequently school, is difficult on everyone. Many people are dealing with health and/or finance concerns. Administration continues to stress to teachers to not put too much stress on families. I think our staff has been very proactive with students and parents. Teachers are more than willing to work with any students just as long

as they have some type of contact. I have stressed to them, if they take one step towards us then we will take nine steps towards them. So far, admin has only received a handle of complaints from parents. Those complaints were either about lack of communication from the teacher or too much being assigned. The communications issues were addressed. In terms of assigned work, the parent or student had not reached out to the teacher. We are constantly stressing to families to communicate with your child's teacher. The solution will always involve the teacher and student, just as it does when we are at school.

### **eLearning Support**

CCSD Learning Services has created multiple websites with resources to support teachers with eLearning. Mrs. Ballard created an outline for teachers to set-up a virtual classroom. She has provided regular professional development sessions for teachers based on their feedback.

### **JICHS Intervention- Weekly Student Participation/Engagement Update:**

Our team of Student Concerns Specialists and Office Personnel reached out to students that were referred through the Non-Participation form. Check out the "4-3-20\_Contacts" tab of the [JICHS Student Services Sheet](#) to see the results of those phone calls and emails.

### **Building Access**

Complete Cleaning is spraying our building, including outbuildings, over the next three days. This disinfectant kills viruses such as the flu and coronavirus. They are able to spray the building again before we all re-enter at some point. Therefore, the building will be accessible at scheduled times going forward. The dates and times are below. Take care of what you need to and leave as soon as you can. Please practice social distancing and other recommendations from the CDC. **All staff MUST enter and exit through the front atrium doors!**

Friday, April 3, 2020, 9 am-10 am

Tuesday, April 14, 2020, 9 am-10 am

Thursday, April 16, 2020, 9 am-10 am

Tuesday, April 21, 2020, 9 am-10 am

Thursday, April 23, 2020, 9 am-10 am

### **JICHS eLearning Instructional Day- April 13, 2020**

The Leadership Team approved the eLearning Instructional day that is listed below. I think the consensus was that this schedule provides the necessary structure for students and teachers to continue eLearning for as long as needed, while also allowing flexibility for them. For full disclosure, we "stole" it from Stall HS. That is what we do in education, we "collaborate" or, in other words, we don't reinvent the wheel. This instructional schedule will begin after Spring Break. Please post your additional office hours in your Google Classrooms.

### **JICHS eLearning Instructional Day**

10:00 - 11:00 1st Period

11:00 - 12:00 2nd Period

12:00 - 1:00 Lunch

1:00 - 2:00 3rd Period

2:00-3:00 4th Period

If applicable, please follow the A/B days for your classes. The A/B days are in PowerSchool and on the JICHS Master Calendar on Google Calendar. This A/B schedule for this week is below.

## **Purchase Requisitions (PRs)**

We have worked on an updated protocol for PR's so that we can continue doing business. Ms. Chisolm gets our mail from the post office. She has access to building whenever she needs. Due to her efforts, we have been able to pay our bills during this time.

## **Enrollment Update**

<b>Grade</b>	<b>9th</b>	<b>10th</b>	<b>11th</b>	<b>12th</b>	<b>9-12</b>
4/17/2020	377	395	368	347	1487
3/16/2020	377	396	368	347	1488
2/24/2020	376	397	372	349	1494
1/27/2020	390	398	372	350	1510
12/16/19	390	395	382	345	1512
11/18/19	389	395	383	344	1511
10/21/19	392	396	382	345	1515
9/23/19	392	398	385	348	1523
8/26/19	393	402	393	351	1539
6/10/19	401	397	366	332	1496
1/28/19	430	406	385	334	1555
8/20/18	436	422	406	337	1601
6/1/2018	430	412	342	370	1554

## **School Choice Update**

As a result of mandated school closures due to COVID-19, the 2020-2021 CCSD School Choice decision notification and confirmation dates have been adjusted to the following dates:

- Decision Notification Date - April 17, 2020, beginning 5:00 pm (Tentative)\*  
Notification of decisions of acceptance or waitlist status will be emailed to guardians and will be reflected on the guardian's account dashboard in the applicant portal. It may take several hours for all decisions to be posted.

\*Acceptance decisions for the Charleston School of the Arts (SOA) will be released after all applicants to SOA have had a reasonable opportunity to complete an audition for programs applied. Applicants to SOA who have not completed their audition will receive an opportunity to complete their audition through a virtual process in order to maintain social distancing guidelines.

- **Seat Acceptance Deadline - May 8, 2020, 7:00 pm (Tentative)\***  
All seats will be auto-declined within the final acceptance timeline. A reminder notification will be emailed on May 7, 2020, 24 hours prior to the acceptance deadline, to applicants who have not confirmed their seat acceptance. Once a seat is manually declined or auto-declined, the seat will be automatically offered to the next applicant on the waitlist.

### **Technology Update**

The Technology Department has done a tremendous job of supporting our students and families during the school closure. Please note the list below:

- Prepared Chromebooks for distribution, which included a sign-out contract
- Ordered, configured, and distributed Mifi devices and Chromebooks (post Spring Break)
- Set-up multiple distribution windows for students and families to sign-out Chromebooks
- Created a tech support hotline through Google Voice

### **4.3.2020 Virtual Fire Drill (just for fun)**



### **Construction Update**

We have not met since the last board meeting. However, Cumming and Quakenbush have continued to work in preparation of breaking ground this summer.

### **Finance Update**

The CCSD Finance Department is projecting budget shortfalls due to the Coronavirus.

### **JICHS Board of Directors Meeting Dates**

**2019-20 Board of Directors-** 5:30 pm on the third Monday of the month.

8/26, 9/16, 10/21, 11/18, 12/16, 1/27, 2/24, 3/16, 4/20, 5/18, **6/15**

**2019-20 Finance Committee-** 4:00 pm on the second Monday of the month.

8/12, 9/9, 10/14, 11/11, 12/9, 1/13, 2/10, 3/9, **4/14 (Tuesday)**, 5/11, 6/8

### **Calendar of Events**

5.30.2020 Prom 6:30 pm Gaillard Center 6/6/20 JICHS 2020 Graduation Ceremony North Charleston Coliseum at 11:00 am	
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## Executive Session (Personnel matters, Contract matters, Privacy of a student, and Legal Counsel)

### Meeting Notes

Topic	Notes	Vote
SCHSL Update		
Vape		

### Senior Announcement 4-15-2020

At this time, we know that school is closed through April. The closing of school and the possible reopening of school is a decision that is made by the Governor. As a district and a school, we find out during the Governor's press conferences what will happen next.

As of now, Prom is scheduled for May 30, 2020, and Graduation is June 6, 2020. *We are in constant communication with the vendors discussing if these events need to be postponed. If these dates change, we will let you all know immediately.* The South Carolina Department of Education wants every senior to graduate on time and hopefully have a Prom and Graduation ceremony. As a school, we will do whatever we can to make these events happen for our seniors. Once we receive information about the rest of the school year and when it is safe for large gatherings, we will do our best to adjust and hold these events.

Speaking of graduation - here is some GOOD NEWS!

**Cap and Gown distribution is scheduled for Thursday, May 7, 2020!** If we are in school, distribution will be during ILT. If we are not in school, we will host a cap and gown drive-thru at the front of the school from 9:00 am - 12 noon. All invoices should be paid in full before students will be able to pick up their items. If there are any questions concerning your account, please contact Jostens at 843-884-4311. Items cannot be distributed prior to May 7th as all items will not be delivered until then.

*If you have not purchased your cap, gown, tassel and diploma cover, please visit [www.lowcountrygrad.com](http://www.lowcountrygrad.com) to order. If it isn't shipped by the end of April to JICHHS, it will ship directly to your home address.*

### Final Thoughts:

There is no doubt this is an unprecedented time in the world. Our thoughts and prayers go out to those directly affected by this pandemic, whether it is related to health, finances, or both. We all feel sympathy for our seniors. This pandemic is robbing seniors of their last semester of high school, something they can never get back. There may not be any spring sports, a spring musical, concerts, or other culminating activities. You have the right to go through a "grieving" process of sorts (anger, denial, acceptance). Don't just ignore your

emotions; acknowledge them, and then deal with them. Know that our staff is working on creative ways to recognize the Class of 2020! From this, I hope you can find peace and perspective.

One lesson I learned from playing sports and serving in the military is how to handle adversity or at least the mentality you need to get through it. Adversity is an opportunity to grow. In the military, they use the phrase “adapt, improvise, and overcome.” Your anger and frustration may come and go; that is natural. Don’t let a victim mentality persist. It is not healthy, nor is it productive. When you get frustrated, think “adapt, improvise, overcome.” Focus on what you can control, such as finishing your courses so you can graduate. Stay connected to your friends. I am not always the biggest fan of social media, but right now, it is the only way any of us can connect with family and friends outside of our homes. It appears our country is turning the corner or flattening the curve. If we all keep up with social distancing, this will pass, and when it does, we will do whatever we can to celebrate our seniors.

Stay the course, and stay safe Class of 2020!