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# WELCOME BACK: Superintendent Addison G. Davis

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“A new normal” – That is a phrase that has been used too frequently over the past year and a half, but it is one that absolutely rings true for the opening of our schools and the continued success we’ve experienced with face-to-face instruction.

After considerable guidance from our health partners and the CDC, as well as the increase in vaccinations, our district has decided to offer two educational options for the 2021-22 school year: face-to-face instruction and Hillsborough Virtual K-12. We are thrilled that eLearning was a viable option for many of our families that were not yet comfortable sending their learners back into the classroom. However, as the results of a recent district survey suggest, a vast majority of our eLearners are now comfortable returning to face-to-face instruction – and we are excited to welcome them back.

We will continue to practice social distancing where feasible, we will retain a Covid Commander at each school who will work with the Department of Health on quarantine as necessary, and we will always encourage students and staff to stay home when they are not feeling well.

The areas outlined in our Opening Plan include the conditions for quarantine, educational options during quarantine, and the considerable steps our district is taking to ensure a safe and secure place of learning. Of course, with every plan of this magnitude and under ever-changing conditions, this document will remain fluid and change as necessary based on guidance from state agencies and local health experts. We will be ready to act should it be required. The HCPS Opening Plan can be found on our website at [www.HillsboroughSchools.org](http://www.HillsboroughSchools.org).

I hope everyone will review this plan and be a partner in the work of preparing students for life. We look forward to the 2021-22 academic year, and our new normal, because together we will create lifelong learners and continued success.

Respectfully,

Addison G. Davis

Superintendent of Schools

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