

# CCSD Safe Restart



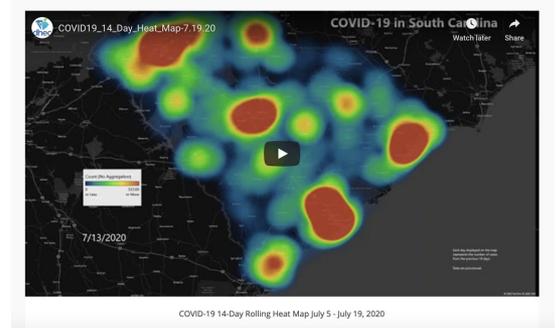
**TASK FORCE MEETING**  
**July 24, 2020**

Charleston County  
School District's plan to  
safely reopen schools  
in Fall 2020

*Presented for First Reading  
July 20; Second Reading July 27*

# The Road to a Safe Restart

- Weeks of work developing a preliminary CCSD Safe Restart Plan including Task Force, Teacher Roundtable, advice of medical experts -  
- our plan based on understanding at the time
- Last week's developments:
  - ◆ Governor's recommendations Wednesday
  - ◆ SC DOE written instructions Friday
  - ◆ Continued rise in COVID-19 positive cases  
Charleston County (Source: DHEC)
- Discussions with medical experts about the possibility of more refined metrics that could serve as indicators of when and under what conditions we can safely return some teachers and students to school
- **BOTTOM LINE: We will continue to use medical experts' advice and all available DHEC and other medical data/metrics, to determine if we can indeed restart *some* students in-person on Sept. 8**



# Required Restart Plan Components - SDE Friday, July 17, 2020

- **Parent Choice #1: An in-person option for all students**
  - Districts encouraged to offer a five day a week face-to-face instruction when it is safe to do so
  - Blended learning models will be considered an in-person option
- **Timeframe** - If temporary remote is the only option initially, develop a timeframe for working toward in-person instruction as conditions improve
- **Parent Choice: #2: A virtual option for all students**
  - Districts may deliver their own virtual program or other option
  - Any virtual model must include an initial in-person contact with students. Intermittent in-person contact with students is also strongly encouraged.
- **High-quality instruction:** Establish how high quality instruction will be provided, regardless of instructional mode, and demonstrate how a broad range of student services will be provided. Must meet all state and federal requirements.

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**5 Additional Days, 4K-8** We must provide 5 LEAP days, 4K-8. If teachers work, they are paid. If they do not work, they are not paid for these 5 days (Learn, Evaluate, Analyze, Prepare)

# How we will start

1. Our goal is to serve as many students as we can in person, as soon as it's safe to do so
1. Parents will choose option: in-person or virtual
1. We will contact all teachers to determine their intents and needs
1. Medical experts will advise regarding how many students we can serve in-person at any given time. Range is from 0% to 100%.
1. If we can start ANY small number of students safely Sept. 8, we will; otherwise, we will open in temporary remote mode and revisit monthly.

# Next steps

**By July 24** - Meet with Task Force, teachers, principals, the Legislative Delegation, Chamber

**July 27** - Board approves a School Restart Plan

**July 28-Aug 4** - Determine parents' enrollment choice and teacher preferences

**Aug 4-10** - Analyze enrollment results: Attempt to match parent requests, teacher preferences

**August 11-17** - Teacher Professional Development and Work Days

**August 19** - Deadline for notifying parents if Sept. 8 is not the start date (even if virtual)

**August 18-28** -

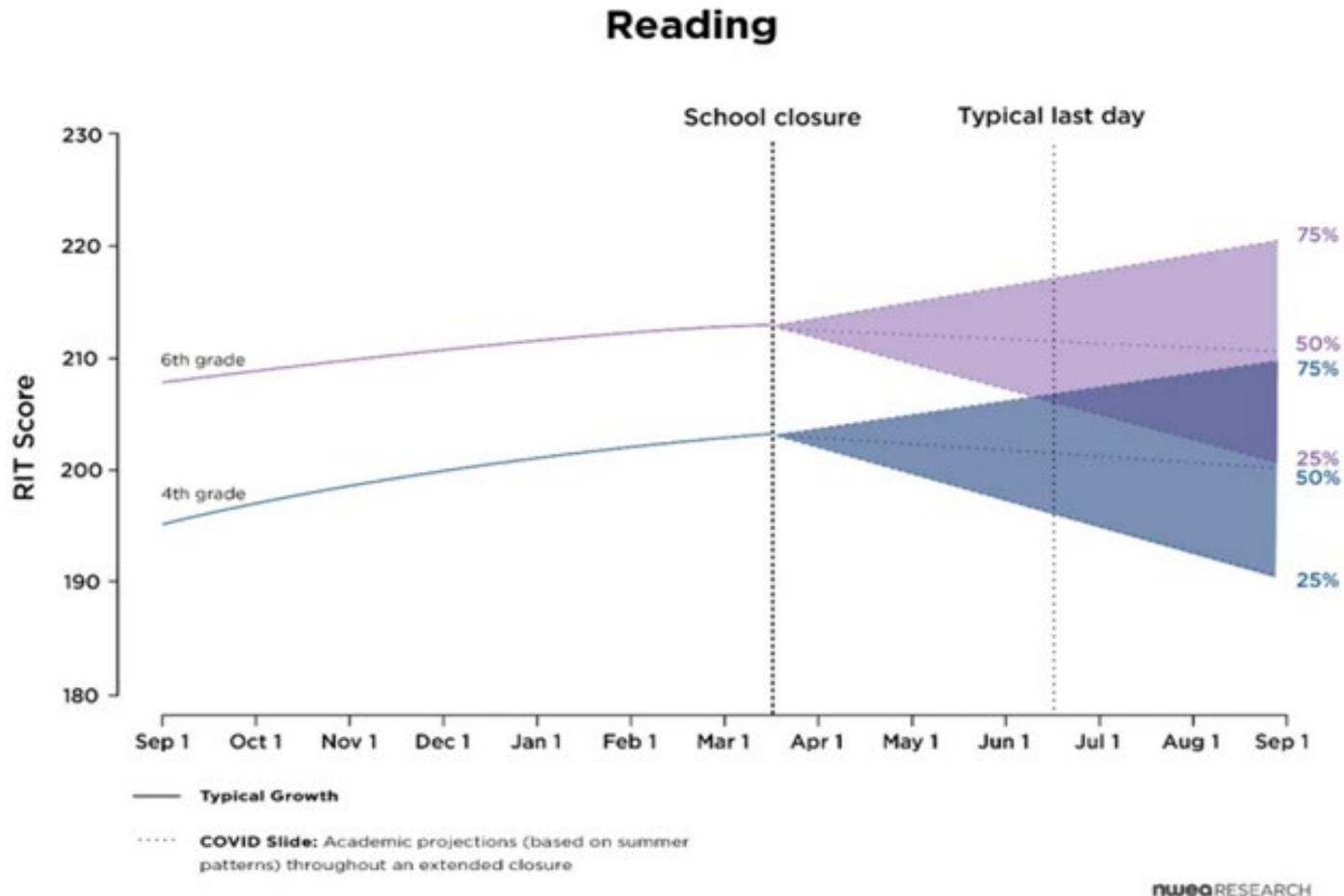
- Complete master scheduling; transportation capacities, facility retrofiting
- Assist families with digital devices and virtual programs, as needed
- Arrange to meet each student in-person before beginning virtual classes. Include a parent.

**August 31-Sept 4** - Invite 4K-8 students into school in small groups to meet their teacher, assess needs, review how to use devices, etc.. (LEAP days - Learning, Evaluating, Analyzing, and Preparing). This is required by Legislature.

**TBD** - Schedule days for 9-12 virtual teachers to meet students in-person

**Sept 8** - First day of school (Horry, Georgetown, Dorchester, Colleton, Beaufort Counties all recommend starting school September 8).

# Learning Loss - Achievement Gaps



[Brookings Institute Report](#) - *The Impact of Covid-19 and What It May Mean for Educators*

# Operational Safety



All will be aligned with  
the MUSC Back-to-  
School playbook

- **Disinfection**

- a. Facilities: twice per day for all bathrooms and touch surfaces; fogging once per week
- b. Buses: twice per day

- **Facility improvements**

- a. Desk dividers where needed
- b. Bottle fillers installed in all schools
- c. HVAC: analysis of all schools complete; upgrading filters where possible; ensure that all fresh air equipment is fully operational; portable HEPA units in nurse clinics

- **Buses**

- a. Maximum of 50% capacity
- b. Routing plan being developed to provide additional runs where possible

- **Nutrition Services**

- a. Touch free breakfast and lunch pick-up in cafeteria (eating in classrooms)
- b. Arranging for virtual school meal pick-up

- **COVID protocol**

- a. In-place for positive cases; contact tracing completed by Nursing Department
- b. Will refine school notification procedures

# For Discussion: Start Date

- CCSD Board gave first reading approval to the Safe Restart plan shared with you last week, setting Tuesday, September 8 as the reopening date. Board will consider final approval at their meeting on Monday, July 27.
- May offer “temporary” option of starting back on September 8 with remote (at-home) learning if COVID-19 spread rate is not improving based on metrics and medical advice. In-person full-time and alternating AA/BB would begin when and where they are deemed safe and feasible.
- Virtual Academy option would open on September 8 as planned.

**Do the members of the Task Force see this as a reasonable and responsible way to approach the reopening date for CCSD schools?**

# For Discussion: Parent Options

- All CCSD parents will be asked beginning next week to select from enrollment options for their students.
- The enrollment options are:
  - In-school, either full-time or alternating AA/BB schedule, varying by school based on student capacity using health and safety protocols for social distancing (if we cannot open in person, then temporary remote learning will occur until it is safe to open in-person options)
  - Virtual Academy stay-at-home

**Do the members of the Task Force see these as the best options to present to parents/students given our conditions and state requirements?**

# For Discussion: Factors Impacting Plan

**We must attempt to strike a balance in our reopening plans, considering:**

- **Health and safety metrics for the community at large and our schools (TBD)**
- **Capacity of schools for in-person student instruction using safety protocols (analyses underway)**
- **Number of teachers who choose to return to classroom (plan to survey)**
- **Confidence level among teachers, parents, and students that protocols are in place for safety (impacted by our decisions)**
- **Parental choices (plan to survey next week)**
- **State requirements and political environment (the realities)**

**Do the members of the Task Force have any feedback about other issues impacting the restart that we should consider?**

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