

CHARLESTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

**CCSD**  
TASK FORCE

**SAFE RESTART**



Advisory group on the safe reopening of CCSD schools in August 2020

## **CCSD SAFE RESTART TASK FORCE**

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    - Bus, transportation realities
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- What's happening currently?
  - Surveying parents
  - Surveying teachers
  - Developing scheduling options
- Your questions, concerns, suggestions

# AGENDA

## Kick-Off Session

June 5, 2020



Our desire is to restart school in August for all CCSD students with as much normalcy as is possible given the conditions at that time. We are tasked in the coming weeks with creating school settings that allow teachers and students to re-engage in quality learning while also taking appropriate measures to ensure their health and safety.

This safe restart in August will allow our students to return to their normal routines of learning and participation in school activities. We also understand that this safe restart will allow our parents to return to their normal lives knowing that their children are growing academically and being kept safe at school.

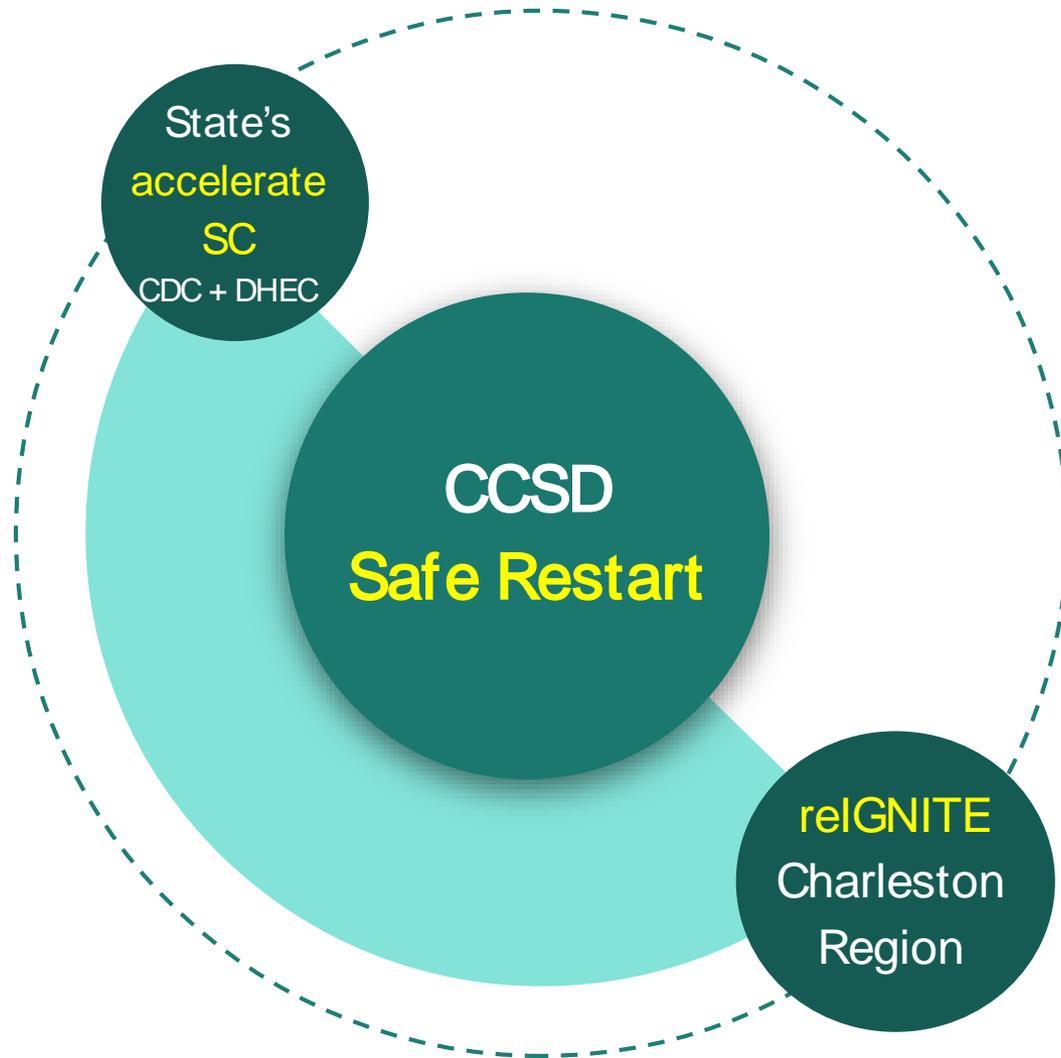
While we are not entirely sure today what our normal will look like when we restart, our staff, our parents, and our community deserve the assurance that we are diligently planning for a safe return to school for all students this August.



# Current Reality

- The needed actions taken in response to the pandemic had the unfortunate impact of disrupting the education and the lives of approximately 50,000 CCSD students and their parents for the last two months of the school year – not to mention the educators and school staff members who serve them.
- Many of our students have fallen behind academically, and that is compounded by the fact that the most vulnerable students likely fell further behind by comparison.
- Our students need to return to some normalcy of schooling for their academic, social and emotional health.
- Fully-operational schools are an extremely important component of our community's return to normal life.





# Alignment with Federal, State and Local Efforts



SC.GOV Online Services | Agency Listing

Citizen Information   Response   Protection   Governance   Resources

# accelerateSC

SC's COVID-19 Response

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## Assistance for Educational Entities

*We will coordinate our efforts in alignment with:*

**Accelerate SC**  
(State-level) - DHEC

**reIGNITE**  
(Charleston region)

(And also with CDC)

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## A Safe Return to Business for the Charleston Region

COVID-19 ECONOMIC RECOVERY PLAN  
For Berkeley, Charleston and Dorchester counties

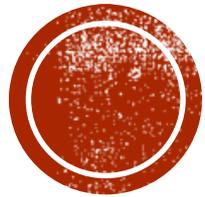
**MAY 2020**



# CCSD Safe Restart Task Force



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# Task Force's Mission

To act in an **advisory capacity** by reviewing information and recommendations provided by academic and logistics teams, offering insight into approaches and direction, and advocating within the community for CCSD reactivation.

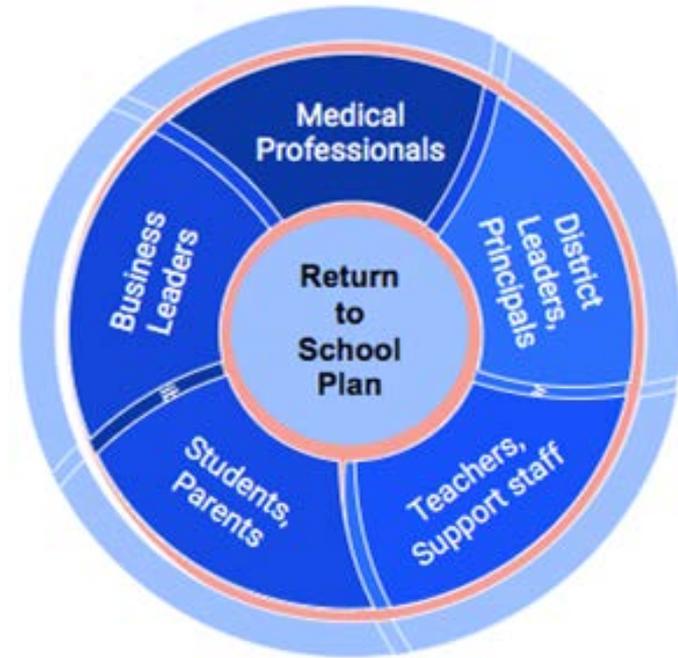
# GUIDING PRINCIPLES

1. **Vigilance** - recognition that we must all be ever-aware of our conditions and surroundings
2. **Data-informed judgment** - analyze conditions, review information from medical professionals, state and local entities and make and adjust as necessary
3. **Care to ensure equity** - recognize differences across CCSD and work toward *equity*, which could mean that services and schedules would be different in some schools
4. **New protocols for safety** - a) engineered controls (physical things we can do); b) administrative controls (processes we can implement); and, c) Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for students and faculty
5. **Communication** that instills confidence by conveying the most recent updates and findings related to a safe start



# Task Force Members

**Rev. Dr. Eric Mack**, CCSD Board Chair  
**Kate Darby**, CCSD Board Vice Chair  
**Dr. Gerrita Postlewait**, CCSD Superintendent  
**Matthew Severson**, MUSC  
**Dr. Ed O'Brien**, MUSC  
**Dr. Don Johnson**, MUSC  
**Dr. Katy Richardson**, SC DHEC  
**Jamie McCarthy**, Principal, Lambs Elementary  
**James Whitehair**, Principal, Laing Middle School  
**Henry Darby**, Principal, North Charleston High School  
**Mary Carmichael**, Principal, Charleston Charter M&S  
**Willa McGirth-Hobbs**, Mary Ford Teacher  
**Chad Williams**, Teacher, Deer Park Middle  
**Egypt Anderson**, Student, RB Stall High School  
**Lauryn Daley**, Student, Early College High School  
**Heather Burke**, Parent  
**Tiffani Bush**, Parent  
**Sherry Snipes-Williams**, Charleston Promise Neighborhood  
**Tina Wirth**, Metro Area Chamber of Commerce  
**Paul Asper**, Business Community



**Jeff Borowy**, CCSD Operations  
**Karolyn Belcher**, CCSD Academics  
**Erica Taylor**, CCSD Strategy & Communications  
**Natalie Ham**, CCSD Legal  
**Bill Briggman**, CCSD Human Resources  
**Don Kennedy**, CCSD Finance  
**Edward Boyd**, CCSD Communications  
**Dr. Joe Williams**, CCSD Academics  
**Michelle Simmons**, CCSD Academics  
**Ellen Nitz**, CCSD Nursing



# CCSD SCHOOL SAFE RESTART

START DATE ?  
COST ?

INSTRUCTIONAL

LOGISTICAL

STUDENTS

PERSONNEL

FACILITIES

TRANSPORTATION

IN SCHOOL

ON-LINE

STUDENTS PER  
CLASSROOM

SANITIZING

# STUDENTS  
PER BUS

SCHEDULES

STAFFING

HEALTH  
SERVICES

MEAL  
SERVICES

BUS, SCHOOLS,  
PLAYGROUNDS

ROUTING



# The Task at Hand

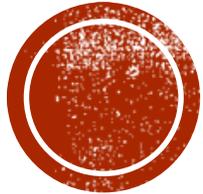
How to restart schools for all CCSD students in August 2020, taking into consideration:

- **Confidence**: The need to instill confidence among staff, students, and parents
- **Safety**: Prioritizing the health and safety of students and staff as the highest priority with appropriate workplace procedures and protocols, including recommended social distancing practices for all facets of school operations (classrooms, buses, meals, extra-curricular)
- **Learning**: The diagnosis, recovery, and continuity of learning
- **Equity**: Supports for the most vulnerable student populations
- **Partnership**: Recognizing the needs of families in supporting students; understanding that families face different challenges and have different needs



# 1

# Recovery and Continuity of Learning

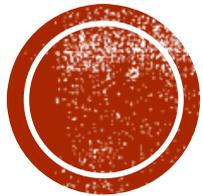


- Assessments to identify where students are to begin the year
- Supports for vulnerable and those who have fallen behind
- Instructional configurations and schedules
- Professional development
- Wraparound supports for social and emotional needs
- Engaging with parents to understand what families need to support children's learning

Karolyn Belcher, Chief Academic Officer

# 2

## Logistical Considerations

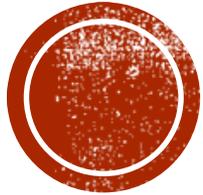


- Health and safety protocols for school and workplace distancing
- Assuring all aspects of operations—facilities, HVAC, custodial, transportation, meal services, IT, nursing, security—support instruction and safety needs

Jeff Borowy, Chief Operating Officer

# 3

## Revised Business Practices



- Impacts of the pandemic on finances
- Impacts of the pandemic on staffing; personnel challenges
- Planning in the event of a reemergence of virus
- Communication and engagement strategies that are transparent and responsive

# Safety Considerations

It is our role at CCSD  
to understand how to help  
**prevent the transmission**  
of COVID-19  
within the school community



# DHEC and CDC Guidance for Schools

## **Promote Healthy Hygiene Practices**

- Washing Hands with soap and water
- Wearing face coverings
- Adequate supplies to support healthy hygiene behavior
- Stay home when you are sick

## **Promote Social Distancing**

- Cohorting and staggered schedules
- Space desks for distancing
- Avoid group gatherings

## **Check for Signs and Symptoms**

- Daily Health Checks for staff and students upon arrival
- Temperature checks for medically fragile students
- Testing of all staff is not currently recommended because the test simply provides a snapshot at a particular time.

## **Frequent cleaning of high touch surfaces and objects**

- Adequate classroom supplies

## **Train Staff**

- Proper PPE use
- Stay home when you are sick
- Adopt the culture, “I protect you and you protect me”

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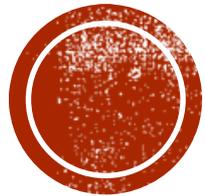
What has  
the school  
district  
been  
doing to  
prepare,  
plan?



- Friday, June 5, 10:00-11:30
- Friday, June 26, 10:00-11:30
- Friday, July 10, 10:00-11:30
- Friday, July 24, 10:00-11:30
- ❖ Survey results, parents and teachers
- ❖ Guidelines from State Department of Education, DHEC, Others
- ❖ School start date
- ❖ Most feasible schedules
- ❖ FAQ Document

## **Next Steps and Safe Restart Meeting Schedule**





# Thoughts Suggestions Questions Concerns

**Students - Parents. - Teachers. - Community Members**  
**Business Representatives, Board Members, Others**