

School will return in safest possible way



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The upcoming school year is fast approaching! With one of the oddest finishes to a school year on record behind us, I feel confident that ALL are prepared as ever for things to get back to normal. With the COVID-19 pandemic still very much a concern across the country, Pelahatchie High School (PHS), with the support of the Rankin County School District, has begun planning for the safest return possible for our students and their families, the PHS faculty and staff, as well as the Pelahatchie community.

With safety being a priority, three options for attending school are being drafted to ensure that our students will receive the best education possible in this climate of uncertainty. An "enhanced traditional" option will afford our school and community a quite normal school setting with obvious safeguards on campus to adhere to the social distancing expectations that are in place. If concerns regarding the COVID-19 pandemic are increased, a "hybrid" option will call for increased social distancing and will utilize the school and

home to meet those very expectations. If concerns become too great to consider the school setting as a safe and viable option for learning, a "distance learning (virtual)" platform will be utilized to deliver instruction to the students of Pelahatchie. Regardless of the desired option, know that we are prepared to educate our students to the fullest through any of these platforms.

As the summer moves on, bond issue construction continues to move forward. The Multipurpose Room and Band Hall have been completed and are ready for our students to benefit from. The new classroom wing on the east side of campus is near to completion. We are anticipating the completion of the bond issue project in the near future as it will add a very nice touch to our already beautiful campus and will afford us all a new-found sense of pride.

To close, be on the lookout on our social media platforms for key "Back to School" events. On behalf of Pelahatchie High School, please allow me to wish you all a wonderful Fourth of July holiday weekend with your family and friends. The past four months have brought about many challenges for our country, state, and community. As we celebrate the birth of this great nation, let's ALL be thankful for our freedom, our health, as well as each other!

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