



September 30, 2020

Dear students and families,

As you are aware, COVID-19 has presented many challenges to education. One of the things the Jackson Area Career Center focused on while putting our Return to School plan together was the ability to be flexible when new challenges arise. We are now nearing the end of our first marking period, and those challenges are becoming apparent.

When we started this school year, it was our intention to deliver in-person instruction five days a week, while keeping the health and safety of each student in the forefront. Because we are open to more than two dozen schools across Jackson and surrounding counties, their challenges are our challenges. With some schools needing to quarantine students for up to two weeks, consistent instructional delivery in our programs is becoming a significant challenge and this is leading to large numbers of students falling behind.

In an effort to address this growing disparity and provide the best experience to all of our students, we are moving to virtual instruction on Wednesdays, starting October 7. We believe this is a step in the right direction toward serving all of our students equitably, as well as providing additional time to create and provide quality on-line learning opportunities for those not able to attend in person.

We are committed to delivering a high quality educational experience, with the health and safety of each student in mind, and we believe this change will help us do that. Please reach out to me directly if you have any questions or concerns at 517-768-5163 or mark.pogliano@jcisd.org.

Sincerely,

Dr. Mark Pogliano

Jackson Area Career Center Principal