

Good evening SFSAs,

The MDE recently issued [*Considerations for Reopening Mississippi Schools*](#) (click title to view the document) which outlines three month planning strategies for superintendents and principals to consider for the beginning of SY 2020-2021. We encourage you to review this document and to stay in frequent communication with your district/school's leadership team.

While CDC and USDA have not released final guidance at this time, be sure to participate in planning for next school year as you best understand CN program requirements, food safety, CN staffing, and funding. This is your opportunity to better understand district/school plans on bus routes/times, student social distancing, and a variety of challenges related to operating schools during the COVID-19 emergency. Also, use these occasions to explain your program's challenges and, most importantly, opportunities to partner in making sure students are safe, healthy, and ready to learn.

Link to the Mississippi Achieves website: [*Considerations for Reopening Mississippi Schools*](#)

Thanks for all you do,
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