

## Automated Call – Thursday, October 1, 2020 – Message from the Principal

Good evening Longhorn Families. This is Mrs. Middleton with some brief informational updates.

Our virtual open house video has been posted on FOCUS for your viewing pleasure. Please enjoy this adaptation to our annual in-person open house. There is a welcome message from me and additional links to your student's teachers. I encourage you all to take some time to meet the staff at Johnson and learn about the expectations of each teacher's class and the content your student will be learning in each classroom.

I would also like to encourage you to please view the information posted on our website and the District website regarding the upcoming Sales Surtax Extension referendum on the November 3<sup>rd</sup> ballot. The links that are posted will provide you with the details of the surtax vote as well as the progress that has been made with the capital needs of the district since the initial surtax being passed 6 years ago. I am excited to say that should the surtax extension be passed this November, Johnson Middle School will receive \$1.8 million worth of renewal projects, such as classroom updated modernized technology, computer refreshment, wireless access points, roof renewal, a complete student restroom renovation, media center carpet replacement, additional security enhancements, and other projects related to facilities and technology education. *The surtax has made a significant difference in our schools over the past six years, but will be coming to end this December 31<sup>st</sup>. I encourage you to get informed about the importance of the surtax for our school and our community by going to [Brevardschools.org](http://Brevardschools.org) or Johnson Middle School website.*

I want to provide one final reminder that we are now getting ready to begin track practice for our altered track season in October. If you are interested in running track, please get your completed paperwork in to Mr. Langlie. We have extended the deadline to get the paperwork in until next week. If you are interested and want more information or would like assistance in completing the paperwork, please contact Mr. Langlie. Our first track meet is scheduled for October 16 and our first practice date is Monday, October 5.

Thank you, students, for continuing to do an outstanding job following through with all the required guidelines per our District Reopening plan. Your compliance and understanding of the procedures that we have in place due to the pandemic has truly been appreciated by all. I know it is not how any of us want schools to operate but at this time we must do our best to get through this by doing our part. It makes this situation much more manageable with all of your help. So again, thank you and keep it up.

Have a wonderful evening Longhorns.