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Jackson County Schools to remain open following Thanksgiving

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Jackson County Schools Superintendent Kevin Dukes said on Friday there are no plans to go virtual learning after Thanksgiving as neighboring county school systems made announcements to do so earlier

this week. "I believe we need to remain in a controlled environment," said Dukes. "You go remote, and you have the fear of people going out of town, on vacations, and kids playing outside." On Thursday, Marshall County Schools Superintendent Cindy Wigley announced the school system

would be transitioning to virtual learning beginning Friday, due to COVID-19, with plans to return to in-person classes on Jan. 5, 2021. The announcement came after Wigley reportedly tested positive for the virus. DeKalb County Schools Superintendent Jason Barnett also

announced he has tested positive for the virus. Barnett also said the school system will follow a remote learning schedule the week after Thanksgiving, Nov. 30-Dec. 4. "The decision was made in part because we understand that our students, faculty and their families are

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NEW COMMISSIONERS



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Circuit Judge John Graham (left) swears in new county commissioner A.J. Buckner as County Commission Chairman Tim Guffey looks on.



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Probate Judge Victor Manning (right) swears in new county commissioner Kevin McBride as McBride's wife, Amy, looks on.



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Jackson County EMA has a new communications and commnd trailer.

Jackson County EMA add new command and communications trailer

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The Jackson County Emergency Management Agency (EMA) added a new communications and command trailer to their list of EMA assets recently.

"We've learned, especially with COVID, all disasters are local," Paul Smith, director of the Jackson County EMA. "When you have a disaster that effects everybody you have to be able to rely on your own equipment."

The vehicle, a partnership between the Jackson County EMA, the Alabama Department of Public of Public Health and Google, is the culmination of an 18-month long project initiated by the EMA's late Director, Felix Jackson, who passed away in October 2019.

Jackson saw an opportunity to procure the trailer at no cost to the citizens of Jackson County from ADPH, once returned to the county the department worked to fulfill his vision for the trailer.

"If it hadn't been for Felix or the Google folks, we wouldn't have been able to do this," said Smith.

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OPINION

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