



## Media Release

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### COMMUNITY MEMBERS INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN SCHOOL BOARD WORKSHOP DISCUSSING BACK-TO-SCHOOL PLANS

**(Bradenton, FL - June 18, 2020)** The School District of Manatee County is inviting the community to provide feedback during a special School Board Workshop discussing back-to-school plans for the 2020-2021 year. It will begin at 10 a.m. on Thursday, June 25, 2020.

Five locations will open for Public Comment to those who register in advance and agree to following CDC guidelines upon entering the sites. The locations include Bayshore High School, Lakewood Ranch High School, Palmetto High School, Southeast High School and the School Support Center near Downtown Bradenton. Public comments will be heard from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. and due to time constraints, will be limited to two minutes.

There are limited spots available for Public Comment and will be reserved on a first come first served basis at the following link: <https://outlook.office365.com/owa/calendar/SchoolDistrictofManateeCounty@ManateeCountySchools.onmicrosoft.com/bookings/>. Sign up will close at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, June 24, 2020. The public can also submit Public Comment in writing to [public\\_comment@manateeschools.net](mailto:public_comment@manateeschools.net).

Participants visiting any of the five locations must agree to: a temperature check upon entering; passing through a security check; wearing a mask or face covering; and being present at their reserved time when their name is called. The public must limit comments to the topic of reopening of schools for the 2020-2021 year.

School Board Meetings and Workshops are broadcast live on Manatee Schools Television. MSTV is available on Spectrum CH. 646; Frontier CH. 39; the “Cablecast Screenweave” app on Apple TV and Roku; and online at [www.mstv.us](http://www.mstv.us).

In addition to the Public Comment at next Thursday’s Board Workshop, Board Members will hear results of a recent back-to-school survey submitted by approximately 21,000 Manatee County families and community members. The Board Workshop is a discussion only - and a decision regarding the reopening of schools will be made at a later date.