

# Johnson Controls is powering the safe re-opening of schools

Solutions and capabilities for safer, more secure, comfortable and resilient school buildings

## Re-opening solutions

- BAS, lighting and security systems adjustments
- Life safety inspections and maintenance
- Mechanical equipment inspections and maintenance
- Safety, compliance and risk inspections
- Energy cost control
- Disinfectant lighting solutions
- Air quality assessments and strategy
- Water testing, cleaning and treatment

## Resilient/flexible infrastructure support

- Infrastructure readiness for "pandemic mode" or other emergencies
- Flexible facilities and space repurposing
- Technology resources and expertise
- Energy and operational saving strategies

## Remote services

- Remote monitoring and maintenance of building systems
- Preventative and predictive maintenance programs

## Safe and healthy environment solutions

- Elevated skin temperature screening
- Space planning and occupancy strategies
- Social distancing strategy and enablement
- Preventative cleaning strategies and enablement
- Occupant hygiene strategies and enablement
- Frictionless, touchless environments
- Classroom, meeting and collaboration space management
- Enhanced communications

## Student, staff and visitor screening solutions

- Elevated skin temperature screening
- Visitor screening and management
- Credentials management

As school districts embark on a journey to a "new normal," administrators need to consider how best to reduce the transmission of disease among students and staff, maintain healthy school operations and strive to provide a safe learning environment.

School districts concerned with how best to reopen classrooms and welcome the safe return of students, teachers, and staff are confronted with the following challenges:

- What do I need to do to open up my school?
- How can I keep the building and people inside it safe, secure and healthy?
- What opportunities do I have to reduce my operating costs and improve building efficiency?

- How can I ensure flexibility and resiliency of my district to support future emergencies, including pandemics and alternative learning environments?

We can deliver solutions that help enhance student and staff safety, comfort, wellness and building performance. Working with school districts during this difficult time, our local Johnson Controls workforce can meet your immediate needs while streamlining operations and use of resources for when school is back in session.

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## Guidance on relief funding and financing options

Districts have broad discretion over how CARES Act funds will be used under the following guideposts, and we can work with you to ensure the facility improvements you choose to make align accordingly.

- Improve coordinated responses to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus
- Develop and implement procedures and systems to improve the preparedness and response efforts of local educational agencies

Johnson Controls has a contract with Sourcewell allowing most K12 schools to purchase equipment and services from Johnson Controls through a pre-negotiated contract, foregoing the time-consuming and costly RFP process.

In addition, financing options to help you preserve valuable cash while improving the safety of your facilities are available through Johnson Controls. Our experienced, dedicated Structured Finance Team is available to ensure your district improvements happen as planned.

## Essential Workforce in Your Community

- Johnson Controls solutions are in more than 6,000 U.S. school districts, supporting over 24.7 million students
- 120 branch locations in North America supported by 25,000 employees
- 13,600 field technicians and mechanics in North America
- Recognized by federal, state and local governments as a provider of essential products
- Adhere to safety measures prescribed by the district and CDC using detailed COVID-19 Site Safety Plans



Johnson Controls solutions and capabilities help to support school districts during recovery, reopening and the new normal. The checklist follows many of the ASHRAE Epidemic Task Force and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines for mitigating potential health risks during reopening of buildings closed during the COVID-19 pandemic.

## Reopen your buildings

As you prepare to reopen buildings for students and staff, steps should be taken to ensure the environment is safe and able to maintain a healthy learning atmosphere. Consider the following guidelines for operational readiness:

- ☐ Ensure preventive maintenance inspections are up-to-date on all building systems
- ☐ Ensure fire/life safety inspections are up-to-date per NFPA and other regulatory bodies, and equipment is performing properly
- ☐ Perform systemic start-up procedures for mechanical equipment such as chillers
- ☐ Flush out air and water systems and replace filters
- ☐ Clean, test and treat cooling towers and other water sources to prevent harmful bacteria
- ☐ Review new occupancy levels, schedules and update:
  - Fire/life safety systems/services based on new fire risk profiles
  - Security systems/services based on new security risk/loss profiles
  - Sequences/schedules in security, building automation and lighting control systems
- ☐ Verify HVAC system performance to provide proper airflow, temperature and humidity

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## Keep building occupants safe, secure, comfortable and well

Consider the different ways you'll be educating students, changes to occupancy, how students and staff interact with each other, visitors and the building. These suggestions can help maintain the safety, security and wellness of your people, buildings and spaces:

- ☐ Initiate ventilation, filtration, humidification and air cleaning strategies to mitigate the risk of airborne infectious contaminants to building occupants
- ☐ Utilize zoning to allow treatment of individual classrooms and small offices to avoid re-circulated air and airborne pathogens from being transmitted
- ☐ Validate access control settings and reinforce new policies for entering the building with:
  - Additional visitor management processes/technologies
  - Deploy elevated skin temperature screening
- ☐ Use security, video surveillance, lighting and building automation systems to:
  - Enforce social distancing policies, monitor student activity and intrusion detection
  - Reduce density or enforce maximum occupancy policies
  - Optimize cleaning practices
- ☐ Add disinfectant lighting systems
- ☐ Enable location based services for social distance monitoring and contact tracing
- ☐ Create touchless environments:
  - Cover and lock thermostats
  - Replace light switches with occupancy sensors
  - Create mobile/web-based interfaces to allow occupants to control lighting and temperature
  - Use access control, sensors and interlocks with doors and elevators to provide "frictionless" movement throughout the building
  - Install hands-free fixtures in bathrooms and kitchens
- ☐ Enhance communications systems:
  - Install mass notification systems to support routine communications (weather, school opening delays, bus issues etc.) and emergency communications
  - Install wireless duress buttons
  - Use unified communications to support a district-wide emergency response

## Ensure large spaces operate safely

Large, open spaces like cafeterias, gymnasiums, libraries and auditoriums present unique challenges for safely hosting students and staff. Consider these steps:

- ☐ Use video surveillance and access control to define and support separation
- ☐ Leverage occupancy/access control data to evaluate new usage patterns
- ☐ Enable location based services for social distance monitoring and contact tracing



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## Ensure cost-effective operations

The need to reduce costs and improve operational efficiency is more important than ever. We help you do both with these suggestions:

- ☐ Seek guidance on funding sources and financing options to preserve valuable cash and improve the safety of your facilities in these difficult times
- ☐ Add remote monitoring of HVAC and security systems to diagnose and resolve many systems issues quickly over the phone, minimizing staff requirements
- ☐ Enable preventative and predictive maintenance programs to ensure equipment uptime and reliability
- ☐ Employ self-testing of fire alarm equipment using addressable notification to ensure compliance
- ☐ Explore energy cost control measures through optimized equipment and lighting strategies



## Prepare for resilient, flexible spaces and operations

Finally, no one knows what the future holds, but we can take what we've learned to prepare buildings for future states, including pandemics and surges, and optimize the building infrastructure to support flexible, resilient spaces. Consider these modifications:

- ☐ Enable dynamic and flexible control of building systems to handle a spectrum of future states:
  - Add additional modes of operation to the building automation system, lighting control, and security systems for pandemics, energy efficiency, air quality, minimal occupancy, demand response or other specialized conditions
- ☐ Add additional capability to monitor, operate and service the building and building systems remotely



## Your partner for reopening your school

Our solutions create a safe, secure, healthy and comfortable environment that helps keep students, visitors and staff safe. When you partner with Johnson Controls, we treat your mission as our own. We put our deep expertise, leading technology and world-class products to work for you, never resting until you achieve your goals.

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