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**PUBLIC AFFAIRS TOPIC: County Schools Opening Plans
GUEST: Mark Winningham, director**

Overton county's school system is poised to open the 2020-2021 school year amid perhaps the most challenging times the local school system has ever faced.

The "Year of Covid" wrecked the ending of the last school term, forced high school graduation to be held much later than normal, cancelled many school trips and other functions, and stopped the sports season totally.

Now, the summer vacation time is fast passing and the school system is facing the questions that relate to how to safely open and operate schools in this Coronavirus pandemic environment. Our local director of schools Mark Winningham was on WLIV to outline the school systems plans.

Parents have the option of in-classroom (traditional) instruction or on-line classes. School administrators and classroom teachers are also facing a very changed daily schedule as they work to not only teach the students – but also to help keep the learning environment as covid-free and safe as possible.

The question of school athletics and full-contact team sports, such as football, is still being debated by both local school officials as well as the Tennessee Secondary Schools Athletic Association. At present, late September is probably the most realistic time for football games to begin.

Mr. Winningham is becoming a frequent guest on WLIV as we work with him to keep the public informed of school-related plans and changes.

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