

# JFT BYTES

FRIDAY OCTOBER 20, 2023

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## Gun Violence and Mental Health Awareness

**Where:** Jackson Convention Center

**When:** Saturday, October 21 from 11 AM - 2 PM

**What:** Speakers, Vendors, Resources, Book Give-A-Ways, Food, and Prizes!

**Who:** You, your family, and potential members. Get a \$5 VISA gift card for each member you sign up!

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Jackson Federation of Teachers

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# LABOR 2023 AFL-CIO

To volunteer to phone bank / canvass for AFL-CIO, visit [www.jftpsrp.com](http://www.jftpsrp.com)

## GOTV Super Saturday

Brandon Presley Bus Tour

Kickoff - 8:30 AM, MS Capitol

Jackson-Area Voter Canvassing -

10AM - 2 PM

AFL-CIO Hall - 2:30 PM, for  
debrief and refreshments

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## Q & A with JPS Superintendent Errick Greene, Ed. D.

Executive VP Joshua A. Strong attended a meeting with Dr. Greene and community leaders regarding the optimizing plan. Here are Dr. Greene's answers to JFT's questions about the Optimizing Plan.

- **How will this plan impact teachers and staff – specifically, reassignments vs. RIF (Reduction in Force)?** Based on our annual attrition rate, we expect the optimization plan to have minimal impact on teachers and staff.
- **How will this plan push class load sizes for teachers? Will it move the ratio towards the max, or to some other number?** The optimization plan may impact class loads at some schools; however, in most cases, our classrooms will not be at allowable capacity based on accreditation standards. The nuances are being considered with the school closure process, along with needed rezoning efforts.
- **How does the plan transition students moving from one rival school to another in a safe way?** Tailored to the unique needs of each affected school, the district is committed to offering comprehensive support and implementing effective strategies. This will enable scholars to not only adapt but also flourish within their respective educational environments.
- **Will there be support for teachers as student-to-teacher ratios go up, and what kinds of support will be offered?** Will this support be given primarily to elementary and middle schools, or would high schools be involved as well? Based on the needs of each impacted school, the district will provide the schools with the support and strategies needed for scholars to continue to thrive in their respective educational environment. This will entail the review of behavior and other relevant data to determine the needs of the school. *\*These answers were sent to JFTP&SRP by the Executive Director of Public Engagement.*