

South High senior Living opens



Rick Dover welcomes everyone to the opening of South High Senior Living. Old South High School has been totally renovated with 62 rooms. Photo Courtesy of Mike Cohen.

KCS unveils reopening plan for 2020-21

By Ken Lay

Knox County Schools unveiled its reopening plan at the board of education's regular session meeting Wednesday at the Andrew Johnson Building.

While the schools will open, the school year won't begin as scheduled. Classes will begin on Aug. 17, a week later than expected and KCS Superintendent Bob Thomas urged parents and students to be patient when things finally get going.

"I'm asking all of our stakeholders for grace. It's not going to be perfect on the first day," Thomas said. "I wish it would be perfect, but it probably won't be."

Although schools are slated to open, the plan, which was released prior to the meeting on the KCS website and on its social media outlets, includes a virtual learning option.

Parents and students wishing to participate in remote learning must enroll in the Virtual Learning Program by Wednesday, July 22. Students who select the remote learning option must remain in the program for at least the fall semester.

"If students go into remote learning, they have to stay there for the whole semester," Thomas said. "We wanted to try to remain as flexible as we could, but