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Mayor Jacobs to Attend Local Football Games

KNOXVILLE, Tenn.— Since taking office, Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs has spent a significant amount of time in the local public and private school systems, sharing as much face-to-face time with teachers and students as he can. But the pandemic brought all that to a halt. He missed this year's visits with each public high school graduating class, student story times, lunch with student groups and various types of classroom visits including those with STEM and trades programs.

To get that time back, Mayor Jacobs will attend several regional football games in the coming weeks and months to interact – while maintaining appropriate physical distancing – with students and their families.

"Here in the South, there is no doubt that football—both under Friday night lights and on Saturdays—is a treasured tradition," said Mayor Jacobs. "Because I can't be in schools and classrooms visiting with administrators, students and teachers one-on-one as I have in the past, I thought this would be a fun way to show my support in a safe way."

The Mayor's attendance schedule for October is as follows:

- Friday, Oct. 9: Guest Band Director for Fulton vs. Clinton at Fulton High School
- Friday, Oct. 16: Coin toss for Bearden vs. Farragut at Bearden High School
- Thursday, Oct. 22: Guest Band Director for Central vs. South Doyle at Central High School
- Friday, Oct. 23: Guest Band Director for Carter vs. Gibbs at Carter High School
- Friday, Oct. 30: Coin toss for Webb vs. Christian Academy of Knoxville at Webb High School

The Mayor previously served as guest band director for the West High School band during the Sept. 25 game against Hardin Valley Academy and hopes to attend several playoff games as well.

"I love football, but I really love seeing our students in their element, performing for their friends and family, using skills they've worked hard to learn," said Mayor Jacobs. "I also hope this will provide an opportunity to meet people in a casual setting and hear about the things they need or talk about stuff that's important to them."

As Mayor, he has placed a strong focus on effective and efficient government while promoting business development, working to improve community infrastructure and promoting better education for all.

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