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Mayor Jacobs talks about 9/11, Sgt. Knauss, and Letter to Gov. Lee

KNOXVILLE, Tenn.— During his Weekly Update, which will post about 3 p.m. today, Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs talks about 9/11, provides some details about the weekend memorial service for Staff Sgt. Ryan Knauss, and discusses the letter he cosigned with Knox County Schools leadership that was sent to Gov. Lee asking state leaders to reconsider prohibiting schools who have gone virtual from participating in extracurricular activities.

“Knox County Schools have done a remarkable job of keeping the doors open and students learning in-person. I think this is very important,” the Mayor says. “Nevertheless, this week Central High School and Austin East High School went to virtual learning due to high absentee levels. However, I know these decisions were not made lightly and students will be back in-person as soon as possible. Therefore, I don’t think it’s fair to punish students by not allowing them to engage in extracurricular activities such as sports, band, and cheer.”

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