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Dear Jesup Community School Parents and Families,

Happy Friday everyone! Not a tremendous amount to share this week, but I will provide a few updates below in addition to our weekly COVID numbers. Our October school board meeting is Monday night and the agenda is fairly light. We will be reviewing our annual financial health report during this meeting. Overall the district continues to perform strongly financially. The district maintains strong spending authority and cash balances. We have increased some staffing this past year to work to meet district needs and are growing enrollment. We are in the process of certifying our student enrollment this month and upon initial review it appears as though enrollment has grown once again this year. For a rural school district, any enrollment growth is a good thing and we have been fortunate to see steady growth over the past 10+ years.

Just another reminder, but we do have school board elections coming up next month. With three openings, we have two candidates (Chris Jung and Dana Miller) who have filed. Again, if you are interested in serving on the school board and did not file, I would encourage you to announce a write-in campaign.

Brock Sabers, Community Recreation Director, and I attended a public forum last night with the City of Jesup in regards to their bond vote to fund a new daycare and community center. Council member, Todd Rohlfson, and mayor, Chris Even, did a nice job of explaining the project and answering questions. This could be a great addition for our community and I would encourage all residents of the city to be informed of the plans the city is making and ask questions of them in order to learn more about this exciting project.

We will continue to report the number of COVID-19 cases we have each week as well as the county 7-day positivity rates. Currently as of today, we are down to **8** positive cases. The 7-day positivity rate is **12%** for Buchanan County and **7%** for Black Hawk County.

We appreciate your continued support and patience with us as your school district. We are here to meet your children's needs both academically and in regards to their health and well-being. If at any time you have questions or concerns, please reach out through email, phone, or stopping by my office. Have a great weekend! #jhawkproud

Thank you and take care,
Nathan