

JESUP COMMUNITY SCHOOLS



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Dear Jesup Community School Parents and Families,

Warmth has to be on the way, but unfortunately not this weekend. While we always strive to be able to have regular school days, there are times that we are at the whims of Mother Nature. As we have dealt with some very cold temperatures and windchills lately, I wanted to share a little information on the criteria that we use when determining late starts due to cold weather. While there is always some subjectivity in making decisions, one criteria that we use fairly consistently is due delay or cancel school if the windchill is below -30 degrees when students are traveling. When there is snow or blowing snow, then that threshold may be lowered. No matter the decision, we are always working to protect instructional time with student safety as the top priority.

As of today, we currently have **5** individuals who are in quarantine. **ZERO** of these individuals have tested positive with all on quarantine due to positive or potential positive exposures or exhibiting symptoms. **ZERO** of these individuals on quarantine can be traced back to school exposure. Please continue to do your part in helping each other stay safe and allow us to remain in person for teaching, learning, and activities. The county 14-day positivity rates are currently **8%** for Buchanan County and **6%** for Black Hawk County. This data changes frequently and can be found at <https://coronavirus.iowa.gov/>.

Every week, I will be reminding everyone to please mark **Tuesday, March 2nd**, on your calendars for our public vote to extend our Revenue Purpose Statement for use of the Statewide Sales Tax funds. This is NOT an increase in any taxes (already approved at the state level), but rather will just extend the language allowing us to continue to utilize these funds past 2029. It is very important that everyone please vote on this day as the continued use of these funds are a key factor in us being able to progress through our current Long Range Facility Plan. This coming week, I will be sharing polling locations and times along with the official ballot language. Thank you for your support on this very important vote.

We will continue to hold our weekly online public forums each Wednesday evening at 6 p.m. This is an opportunity to hear updates from the district as well as provide us with feedback

and ask any questions that you may have. This is also a great opportunity to learn more about our Long Range Facility Plan and have any questions you may have answered. This past week we had over 60 participants attend by offering through Facebook Live. We will continue to use this new format moving forward. The link to the weekly forum can be found each week on the Jesup CSD Facebook page.

We appreciate your continued support of the school district and your efforts in keeping everyone safe. If at any time you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact me or your child's building principal. Stay J-Hawk Safe and J-Hawk Strong!

Thank you and take care,

Nathan