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Dear Jesup Community School Parents and Families,

Well as forecasted, it was definitely a cold one this past week. With the cold windchills, we, unfortunately, did have to cancel school on Monday and operate with a later start on Tuesday. Our last day of school is now scheduled as an early dismissal on Thursday, May 27th. If we have an additional cancellation, that day will then move to Friday. Any days past this, we will likely employ a virtual school day. Please look for additional information to come from your child's teacher or building principal in preparation for this possibility. If possible, we will try to remind students in middle school and high school to be sure to take their school-issued computers home if there is a chance that we may not have school. Here is to hoping the weather cooperates and we do not have any more snow days this year. Come on spring, you can't get here soon enough!

As of today, we currently have **8** individuals who are in quarantine. **Five or less** 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 **7%** for Buchanan County and **5%** for Black Hawk County. This data changes frequently and can be found at <https://coronavirus.iowa.gov/>. Some additional great news related to COVID, is that this past Friday, 95 of our Jesup staff were able to receive their first dose of the COVID vaccine. They are scheduled to receive their second dose on March 12th at which time the remainder of the staff wishing to receive the vaccine will receive their first dose. A HUGE THANK YOU to Buchanan County Public Health for all of your assistance through this past year.

This is your friendly weekly reminder 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. Polling locations and times have been released. Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. All residents of the Jesup Community School District are eligible and encouraged to vote. Those residing within the Jesup city limits will vote at city hall. Those residing in Perry, Westburg, or

Fairbanks townships will vote at the First United Methodist Church. Those residing in the Brandon area will vote at the Brandon Community Center

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