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Dear Jesup Community School Parents and Families,

As I look back at each of my weekly updates, it seems as though I always start off by talking about the weather. So to stay true to this pattern, I will start off by saying “thank goodness for the snap in the recent cold spell!” I know that I have appreciated the recent balmy spring-like weather and I look forward to more sunshine, warm temps, and green grass (instead of the current nice mix of mud and melting snow). Below are some updates from this past week and an important reminder of our upcoming school election.

As of today, we currently have **5 or fewer** 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 7-day positivity rates are currently **2%** for Buchanan County and **3%** for Black Hawk County. This data changes frequently and can be found at <https://coronavirus.iowa.gov/>.

This is coming **Tuesday, March 2nd**, is 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. Those individuals residing in Black Hawk County will vote at the Legion in Gilbertville.

Also, next week are Parent-Teacher Conferences. We will hold conferences on Tuesday, March 2nd (good time to both get out and vote and visit with your child’s teachers) and Thursday, March 4th from 3:45 p.m.- 7:30 p.m. For those not wishing to attend in person, virtual options will be available and you can set those up with your child’s teachers or the building office. We look

forward to this opportunity to meet with you and discuss your child's academic progress and any other needs that need to be addressed.

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