

# JESUP COMMUNITY SCHOOLS



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Dear Jesup Community School Parents and Families,

Well this was a fairly disruptive week to say the least. While there isn't much additional snow in the extended forecast, it does look like we are in for some very chilly temperatures and windchills. As with snow and ice, we also closely monitor windchills. Not only for the safety of our students and staff traveling to school, but also for the impact that cold temperatures can have on our diesel buses. We are hopeful for a normal schedule next week, but cold temperatures will be something we have to account for.

As of today, we currently have **15** 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 **8%** for Buchanan County and **8%** for Black Hawk County. This data changes frequently and can be found at <https://coronavirus.iowa.gov/>.

Also, I would like to remind everyone again to please mark **Tuesday, March 2nd**, on your calendars. There will be a public vote on this day for our district 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.

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. Login/call-in information for the forums are listed below:

<https://meet.google.com/ehp-pbqj-mvi?hs=122&authuser=0>

or

[1 708-762-8768](tel:17087628768)

PIN: 909 668 477#

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