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Dear Jesup Community School Parents and Families,

Happy Halloween Eve! Be careful out there this weekend as it is Halloween AND the second full moon of the month! I assure you that we are aware of things like this in a school environment. :-) One topic that has come up in recent days is the idea of providing remote teaching/learning in the event of a snow day. At this time, it will not be our recommendation to conduct remote teaching/learning on snow days. There is a bit of magic through a child's eyes (and even some adults) on that first snow day cancellation. With so many changes, losses, and disruptions in these past seven months, we feel there is value in not taking away this bit of magic. Now in the event that we have a long winter with a significant number of cancelled days, our position on this may change but at this time when that first snow falls (which hopefully isn't for a while yet), take the day off, get outside, build a snow castle, and just have some fun!

As of today, we currently have 77 individuals who are in quarantine. Up to 5 of these individuals have tested positive with the remainder on quarantine due to positive or potential positive exposures or exhibiting symptoms. 45 of these individuals on quarantine can be traced back to school exposure. One main reason for the increase in numbers this week is an exposure that took place at one of our rural Amish schools. Excluding these numbers, we are running fairly typical to what we have seen in recent weeks. 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 13.3% for Buchanan County and 15.0% for Black Hawk County. This data changes frequently and can be found at <https://coronavirus.iowa.gov/>. We continue to monitor this data closely and we work hand-in-hand with Public Health as we address all positive cases and potential exposures. We appreciate your support in helping to make this happen. 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