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Dear Jesup Community School Parents and Families,

I hope everyone is having a great Friday and are looking forward to a fun and relaxing weekend. Just a reminder that we do not have school on Monday for teacher professional development. In addition to providing our staff time to plan and collaborate, we will be continuing to provide assistance in regards to new remote teaching tools and skill development. At our November school board meeting, the school board has made modifications to the current school year calendar. The board has added four early dismissal dates on January 27th, February 17th, March 17th, and April 21st. This additional release time will provide additional time for our teachers to plan and prep for the additional workload associated with remote teaching. We will also utilize these four dates for some additional professional development for our paraeducator staff.

As of today, we currently have **87** individuals who are in quarantine. **Six** of these individuals have tested positive with the remainder on quarantine due to positive or potential positive exposures or exhibiting symptoms. **Eight** 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 **22.7%** for Buchanan County and **26.0%** 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