

# JESUP COMMUNITY SCHOOLS



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Dear Jesup Community School Parents and Families,

Happy Friday and I hope everyone has had another great week. In addition to the COVID-related information below, I would like to share a couple of updates from our October school board meeting. We are very appreciative that the school board has taken the first steps in our future facility work by hiring Fehr Graham civil engineering to start work on ADA accessibility upgrades for our exterior areas including the athletic fields in addition to some safety and drainage work. This will provide better access for all of our students, staff, and visitors throughout our campus. We also shared our district financial health report, with all general fund indicators trending in a positive direction with very healthy balances both in regards to cash and spending authority. Lastly, our board also approved the purchase of new furnishings for two collaborative learning spaces in our middle school and high school. These designs were modeled off the co-working space at the CoWork 591 building. All sorts of things to be #hawkproud about right now!

As of today, we currently have 45 individuals who are in quarantine. Ten of these individuals have tested positive with the remainder on quarantine due to positive or potential positive exposures or exhibiting symptoms. Five or less of the individuals on quarantine can be traced back to a 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 8.3% for Buchanan County and 8.2% 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 any positive cases or 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