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Dear Jesup Parents, Students, and Staff,

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we continue to work hard to provide you with the most up to date information that we have available. Our students and staff in attendance did a wonderful job today and I could not be more proud of the teamwork and “all hands on deck” attitudes of our staff. While this situation continues to be very fluid, I have the following updates to share with you.

- The 4-week school closure will run through at minimum Friday, April 10th. If there are any changes or extensions of this recommendation, we will announce accordingly.
- The school district has developed an Emergency Food Distribution Program for students’ families who request to participate. This program is open to any and all Jesup students. The program is developed but is awaiting approval from the State currently. Once the program is approved, we will communicate details on what will be offered and how to participate if you elect to.
- Starting on Tuesday, March 17th, only essential district staff will be allowed in the school buildings. This will include central office staff, building principals, custodial staff, and food service workers. The key access system will be limited to only these employees. Any other staff or visitors will need to check-in at the superintendent’s office by entering through the Activity Entrance on the south side of the building. It is our expectation that any visitors will be extremely limited and only for significant and immediate needs.
- Spring Activities- A joint announcement was provided by the IHSA, IGHSAA, IHSMA, and IHSSA associations that all spring activities and athletics will be suspended through this minimum 4-week school closure. The specific letter can be found on the school district website under Quick Links on Coronavirus Updates. **There will be no local activities or practices in our district through the length of this 4-week closure.**

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- FAQ Form- We have created two online form documents to help funnel questions to one central repository and then provide answers to common questions through a FAQ page located on the district website. A link on the district website on the Coronavirus Updates Quick Link once questions start to come in and are reviewed. There will be one form specifically for staff of the school district and another form for parents, students, and the general public. The links can be found at the following:
 - Staff FAQ Submission Form- <https://forms.gle/nmDCzoeUVbgikTNR8>
 - Public FAQ Submission Form- <https://forms.gle/3r89MxFyE4fuamrHA>

Stay strong J-Hawk families and together we will get through these uncertain times. The school district will continue to provide you with updated information as it becomes available to us. Updates will be provided through Infinite Campus, email, the District Facebook page, as well as the Coronavirus Updates page under Quick Links on the district website at www.jesup.k12.ia.us.

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