

# JESUP COMMUNITY SCHOOLS



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Dear Jesup Parents, Students, and Staff,

Based on new information that we have received from both the Governor's Office, as well as the Department of Education this afternoon, I would like to provide you with an update based on what we know as of today. It was announced by the Governor that she is recommending schools to remain closed through at least April 30th at this time. Therefore it is expected that the Jesup School District will follow this guidance and extended our school closure through this same period of time. Our first scheduled day back based on this guidance would now be Friday, May 1st. The Department of Education is offering options for schools to consider in regards to Continued Learning during this extended closure.

Over the past two weeks, the principals and teachers have been working and preparing a contingency plan in the event that the initial four-week school closure was extended. The contingency plan to provide Continuous Learning through this new extension of school closure will require approval by the Department of Education and our local school board. We are currently working to prepare our plan for this application. The school board's Curriculum Committee will be meeting with administrators to review our district plan and it is our hope to have the full school board review and approve the plan early next week. Pending approval, we will be rolling out this plan to all families hopefully shortly after. It is our hope to create a plan ensuring that students are offered the fullest opportunities to their learning with the fewest disruptions.

In regard to the continued employment and pay of our hourly employees, we will continue to review the guidance that we receive from the Department of Education and Iowa Workforce Development in addition to identifying the specific work needs of various classifications of employees during this prolonged school closure. The school board will take action on this during a special board meeting with date and time yet to be finalized early next week.

While we understand that this all makes for many unique challenges for each of us on both a personal and educational level, it is our goal to communicate often as well as develop a plan that has both the academic needs of your child along with the personal needs of your family as top priorities in moving forward.

Please take care and if you have any questions in regards to these updates, please do not hesitate to call or email me. More information will be provided in the coming days. Stay strong J-Hawks!

Thank you,

Nathan Marting, Superintendent