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Building Futures: Every Scholar, Every Day

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JNPSD School Community:

Please continue to stay informed through all of our postings on JNP social media, JNP website, local media, and other communication outlets. All community updates, official documents, and other information posted since March 6, 2020 are available for your reference.

Governor's Press Conference (APSRC Report)

The Governor stated that Arkansas continues to make progress in regards to vaccine distribution. According to the New York Times, of the 50 states, Arkansas is ranked number 10 in the percent of population vaccinated with 6.5%.

"This is one indication we are making progress," Governor Hutchinson said. "It is challenging, but we can do better, and we want to continue to do better."

The Governor said distribution is constrained by supply. So far the state has had a consistent supply, but it has not been increasing each week. He has discussed his concerns with the Biden COVID Task Force and said he is hopeful they will have news soon.

"I encourage all Arkansans to be patient through all this," Governor Hutchinson said.

Arkansas Department of Education Secretary Johnny Key reminded patrons at school-sponsored events and athletic activities to not get lax in following COVID precautions.

"I encourage patrons, please continue wearing your masks. Please watch your distance. Please continue following guidelines. Please do not let up. We want our students to have full access to their activities through the end of the year," Secretary Key said.

1. High school and middle school scholars and parents: Virtual Mondays will continue through the remainder of the school year.

2. Student registration is open. We are using an online registration system. Parents can access the system at www.jnpsd.org. Please contact your child's school if you have any questions.

3. The Arkansas Department of Education is pleased to launch the Statewide Community Resources Portal, a website that connects schools and communities with much needed information about available support services around the state.

As a result of COVID-19, many students and families were in need of essential support services, or "wrap-around" services, such as financial, healthcare, and housing assistance. While many organizations provide such services around the state, a comprehensive repository of information did not exist.

The website, which is updated daily with new resources, currently contains more than 50 categories of services ranging from abuse services to daycare and transportation assistance.

To access the portal, go to <https://adedata.arkansas.gov/scr>.

We appreciate your support of JNPSD!

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bryan Duffie', is written over a light gray rectangular background.

Bryan Duffie. Ed.D.
Superintendent