March 13, 2020

Johnson County Parents and Students,

As you are likely aware, yesterday evening Governor Beshear and the Kentucky Department of Education recommended that all KY Public Schools close face to face instruction in order to help minimize the spread and impact of COVID-19. Although we want to be in our schools teaching our students, our school system has made the decision to close our buildings for the next three weeks. Johnson County Schools will be closed from Monday, March 16, 2020 through Friday, April 3, 2020. Below is a listing of what type of day will occur throughout the upcoming weeks:

- Monday, March 16-No school as indicated in the original School Calendar
- Tuesday, March 17- No School - NTI Day
- Wednesday, March 18 - No School - NTI Day
- Thursday, March 19 - No School - NTI Day
- Friday, March 20 - No School - NTI Day
- Monday, March 23 - No School - NTI Day
- Tuesday, March 24 - No School - NTI Day
- Wednesday, March 25 - No School - NTI Day
- Thursday, March 26 - No School - NTI Day
- Friday, March 27 - No School
- Monday, March 30-Friday, April 3- No School- Spring Break
- Monday, April 6- Anticipated Date of Return to School

As with the previous NTI Days that our district has used, our teachers will have all assignments posted no later than 10:00 am. Teachers and staff will be available each day to assist your child with assignment completion. We also ask that you assist your child with work completion. It is extremely important that every student complete all assignments during the next 8 NTI Days. Failure to do so will negatively impact your child’s learning and may put our district at risk of not getting credit for these days. Everyone’s participation is vital! If your child does not have access to the internet, teachers will provide packets that should have been brought home from school today (Friday). If your child needs a packet but does not have one, please call your school to
make arrangements to pick one up or to have one delivered if you do not have transportation.

We will be providing breakfast and lunch daily during the next three weeks. Our Lunchroom staff will be preparing meals every day that can be picked up at the following schools: Central Elementary, Flat Gap Elementary, W.R. Castle Elementary, and Johnson Central High School. Additionally, we will have designated areas in each community to deliver meals-similar to what we do during the summer months. Attached is a schedule of lunch locations and estimated delivery times.

- Breakfast 7:30-8:30 (school sites only; no deliveries)
- Lunch 11:00-12:00 times for school sites

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I also want to announce that ALL extracurricular practices, games, and trips are cancelled until at least Friday, April 3. We are doing these things in an abundance of caution and to do all we can to keep everyone as safe as possible. Keep in mind that these restrictions and cancellations could change should the Governor lift or extend the State of Emergency. We will provide continued updates and direction.

This is a rapidly evolving situation and the Johnson County School System remains committed to keeping our students, staff, and families safe while doing all we can to help limit the risk of COVID-19 exposure to the citizens of Johnson County. We continue to work with the Johnson County Health Department, who is closely monitoring the situation and will provide updates as we can. As of today, there are no positive cases in Johnson County. In KY, there are 11 confirmed cases – in Harrison, Fayette, and Jefferson counties. KY Governor Andy Beshear is making continued recommendations in order to keep this number as low as possible. We will continue to follow guidance from the KY Department for Public Health (KDPH) and the Governor, and in close collaboration with our other local agencies.
Although the current health risk is deemed low, as with any virus, especially during the flu season, there are several steps you can take to protect your health and those around you:

- Get a flu shot from your Local Health Department or your family provider
- Wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick
- Stay home when you are sick
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue and then dispose properly
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces
- Stay away from places with large crowds (Walmart, grocery store, etc.)

It is recommended that individuals experiencing symptoms such as: fever, cough, sore throat, or shortness of breath, who've been in contact with someone possibly infected, call ahead to health care providers or contact the local health department for guidance. If you decide to visit your local physician or the emergency room with any virus-related symptoms, please be sure to call ahead for instructions to avoid possible exposure to/from others.

For further information, please visit the KDPH COVID19 website at www.kycovid19.ky.gov or CDC at www.cdc.gov/coronavirus

I want to remind each of you to stay calm and positive. This is a tough situation, but we will get through it just fine-WE ARE JOHNSON COUNTY! Thank you for your continued support of our students, staff, and schools.

Thom Cochran
Superintendent
Johnson County Schools