March 23, 2020

Eagle Families,

Governor Andy Beshear released more information on Friday advising Kentucky school closures to be extended for an additional fifteen (15) school days. As a result of this recommendation, Johnson County Schools will remain closed through Friday, April 17th. Our district will continue Non-Traditional Instruction (NTI) through April 17th with the exception of Friday, March 27th through April 3rd which will remain a regular no school day/Spring Break (updated schedule attached). Johnson County teachers and other school staff have been and will continue to work from home. They will have an online presence daily to support and assist students and parents during NTI days.

We would love to see our students working online if they have access at home. Our teachers are also working to make packets for the additional ten (10) NTI days for those who do not have internet access. Your child’s teacher will contact you to schedule a time for you to pick up packets at the school entrance. If necessary, packets may be delivered along with lunches by April 6th.

Our priorities are not only to provide non-traditional instruction to our students, but also, to feed students and to ensure their social and emotional well-being. Beginning after Spring Break, our buses will increase lunch deliveries to all bus routes. Between the hours of 10:00am and 12:00pm, bus drivers will deliver breakfast and lunch at all regular bus stops. Watch and listen for drivers to blow the horn. Please be patient as we work on times. Our goal is to make sure all our students are fed!

In additional, Johnson County Schools has established the Eagle Encouragement Phone Line to enable students to communicate with school counselors. We feel this is an important tool to help our students as they adjust mentally and emotionally to being quarantined, as well as, dealing with any fearful emotions they may be experiencing. This is not a crisis line. Students may call 789-2530 Option #1, leave their name, phone number and name of school, and their school counselor will return the phone call. Counselor hours are 9am–3pm Monday thru Friday.

I could not be any more proud of the way our staff, parents and community have pulled together during this unprecedented time to support one another. I ask that we continue to show that support, especially to those most vulnerable in our communities, by following all guidance and recommendations released by our local and state officials. Johnson County Schools will continue to provide you with district updates as they occur.

If you have any needs or concerns, call your schools or the Central Office between 9am and 3pm. Although not open to the public, currently our schools and the Central Office do have minimal staff working on site. Stay safe and healthy as we all get through this together.

Sincerely,

Thom Cochran
Superintendent