



Jacksonville | North Pulaski
SCHOOL DISTRICT

1414 West Main St - Jacksonville, AR 72076

Ph: 501-241-2080 Fax: 501-241-2092

www.jnpsd.org

Building Futures: Every Scholar, Every Day

March 17, 2020

JNPSD School Community:

As part of our periodic updates, the following information is provided to keep you informed on the latest information available concerning the COVID-19 situation. Please refer to previous updates that are posted on our JNPSD website and social media outlets for other details.

1. We are operating under Alternative Methods of Instruction days. Your child has daily lessons that are posted on Google Classroom (grades 6-12) or in packets sent home for scholars in grades K-5. The lessons are posted on our website under “Parents and Students” – AMI Days.
2. Schools and offices will be closed March 23-27 for spring break.
3. According to the latest Governor’s press conference held this morning, the state’s intent is for schools to resume operations on March 30. If this information changes, you will be notified.
4. The JNPSD district office will be open from 8:30 am – Noon on March 16-20 for essential / emergency business only. Administrative staff will be available by phone or email.
5. JNPSD will provide sack lunches on Thursday through the previously publicized sites and other possible sites in partnership with the city.
6. Please follow all safeguards as recommended by the Arkansas Department of Health. Please remember to follow the basic healthy habits that have been repeatedly shared: frequent hand-washing, limit physical greetings, and call your doctor or use the Department of Health/UAMS websites if you need medical advice.

The State has provided these significant tools to provide you with the latest information and medical support:

- a. Healthy.Arkansas.gov – current information from the Arkansas Department of Health
- b. 1-800-803-7847 – 24 hour hotline for COVID-19 questions
- c. uamshealth.com – 24-hour digital connection to healthcare professionals – UAMS
- d. 1-800 -743-3616 – 24-hour hotline for issues related to children’s health – ACH

7. The Arkansas Department of Education has COVID-19 resources available for your review at the following web address: <http://dese.ade.arkansas.gov/divisions/communications/covid-19-information>.

8. Spectrum and Comcast are offering FREE internet access during this crisis. Families should call 844-488-8395 to enroll with Spectrum or 855-846-8376 to enroll with Comcast.

9. Once we know more information concerning the reopening of school, we will communicate any change in plans, if necessary, to school events such as athletics, assemblies, prom, and graduation. Decisions will be made on the best available information and guidance received from state authorities.

The COVID-19 situation remains fluid, and school district plans may change as warranted.

JNPSD will communicate with school community members as soon as updated information becomes available. Thank you for your support and understanding.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bryan Duffie', written in a cursive style.

Bryan Duffie, Ed.D.
Superintendent