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Building Futures: Every Scholar, Every Day

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JNPSD School Community:

Some of the following updates are revised from yesterday's communication. We continue to monitor additional information concerning senior scholars. This information will be forthcoming from the state.

JHS Senior Scholars and Families: The Arkansas Department of Education will provide additional information soon regarding further guidance for seniors. Even though an official announcement was made concerning seniors, we will have state guidance soon on any next steps in the process.

Concurrent credit classes and Advanced Placement classes will have extra support provided for our scholars. College Board is considering offering a "take at home" AP exam or rescheduling these exams for a later date. College Board has not finalized these plans at this time. We will work with our university partners to ensure the continued expectations of our scholars are met in these college classes.

1. JNPSD has partnered with the Clinton Foundation, World Central Kitchen, City of Little Rock, and City of Jacksonville to provide meals for our scholars during spring break and beyond if necessary. Lunch meals will be provided March 23-27 at sites in the City of Jacksonville. Please contact Kevin House if you need additional information (khouse@cityofjacksonville.net).

We will provide additional information in the coming days on meal availability for the extended closure. JNPSD will provide food service to our scholars in some capacity during the closure. The plan will include using modified bus routes to deliver meals and other items to our scholars. Stay tuned for the meal delivery schedule.

2. We need your suggestions concerning school activities. Please complete a short survey at the following link address:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSflicmMcgwNa0DGjhn3B5_sfHCSfqiy-6IGSxQC0c8S3ehFAA/viewform?usp=sf_link

3. Plans will be finalized soon concerning Chromebook access for elementary school scholars. Please know that school staff are working diligently to make sure access is not hindered in the future. More updates are coming soon.

4. I have received inquiries about volunteering to help the effort. If a group or individual is interesting in volunteering to help, please contact Amy Arnone at 501-241-2080 or email aarnone@jnpsd.org. She will take your information and contact you in the future regarding volunteer opportunities.

5. Communication providers are offering free or low-cost internet access for families:

AT&T	https://about.att.com/pages/COVID-19.html
CenturyLink	https://news.centurylink.com/covid-19
Comcast	https://www.xfinity.com/prepare?pc=1
Cox	https://www.cox.com/residential/internet-sem.html
Sprint	https://www.sprint.com/
Suddenlink	https://www.alticeusa.com/news/articles/feature/corporate/altice-usa-brings-free-broadband-k-12-and-college-students-during-coronavirus-pandemic
T-Mobile	https://www.t-mobile.com/news/t-mobile-update-on-covid-19-response
Verizon	https://www.verizon.com/about/news/our-response-coronavirus
Windstream	https://www.windstream.com/products

More details on the offers are posted on the Coronavirus Update page of our website.

Broadband Availability in Arkansas: View Detailed Internet Service and Provider Information for Each Arkansas City - <https://geoisp.com/us/ar/>.

7. Please stay informed through local media channels and updates from the Arkansas Department of Health and the Centers for Disease Control. Some resources include:

<http://dese.ade.arkansas.gov/divisions/communications/covid-19-information>.

<https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov>

1-800-803-7847: 24-hour hotline for COVID-19 questions

www.uamshealth.com

1-800 -743-3616: 24-hour hotline for issues related to children's health

www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/index.html

www.cdc.gov/handwashing

www.jnpsd.org

Respectfully,



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