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Building Futures: Every Scholar, Every Day

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JNPSD School Community:

In yesterday's press conference, Governor Hutchinson stated the following:

"I've been getting a lot of questions about sports in high school and beyond. The simple answer here is the connection between this mask and this football," Governor Hutchinson said while holding up his mask and a football. "If we want high school sports and beyond this year, we need to concentrate on this mask now." (APSRC Report)

Dr. Nate Smith, Secretary of Health, commented on the importance of using face masks in all situations possible:

"This is the reason why we're talking about masks. This is a serious condition that can change lives," Dr. Smith added. (APSRC Report)

1. The Arkansas Department of Health and Arkansas Department of Education are providing the latest information available to advise schools on school reentry for August. As information is updated, guidance and procedures may change based on the latest health directives or other information.

2. Volume 2 of school reentry information will be released in the next few days. The focus for this edition will be face coverings, social distancing, bus transportation, and food service. The JNP School Reentry Planning Groups are developing FAQ documents to help parents and community members with specific topics related to school reentry. These will be released once the documents are finalized.

3. All surveys have been closed after being open for several weeks. The school reentry planning groups need these last 6 weeks to finalize preparations for the opening of school. If families are interested in the JNP Virtual Academy and was not able to complete the survey, please contact Teresa Hicks at thicks@jnpsd.org or 501-241-2080.

4. Graduation information publicize previously:

Saturday, August 1 at Titan Arena

3 Ceremonies of 80 graduates each

7 guests per scholar

Tickets will be issued to scholars.

Additional information will be publicized soon.

All state health directives, **including facility capacity requirements, spacing requirements, and face coverings**, must be followed. The JNP graduation plan had to comply with specific requirements in order to host these ceremonies. State officials may monitor ceremonies for compliance.

Schedule as follows:

9 am – All Honor Graduates and Graduates Last Name A - Dillard

Noon – Graduates Last Name Douglas - Otto

3 pm – Graduates Last Name Pace - Z

High school staff will contact senior scholars on the details regarding tickets, seating, state health requirements, etc.

Photographers will be onsite to take graduation photos. Photo packages will be offered by the photographer.

NOTE: If there are major changes in the health conditions in the state and we are advised by the Arkansas Department of Health and Arkansas Department of Education to cancel our modified ceremonies, then JNPSD will give notice to parents and scholars as soon as possible.

Summary of State-Mandated Requirements for Approved Ceremonies

1. Six-foot distancing requirements between household groups will be required.
2. Six-foot distancing requirements between graduates will be observed.
3. Graduates must be seated at least 12-feet from the audience. Graduates will be seated at least 6-feet apart on the gym floor.
4. Face coverings are required for all persons age 10 and older. Graduates may remove face coverings for official photographs of the awarding of diplomas.
5. No congregating will be allowed in parking lots, lobbies, and other general areas of campus.
6. Hand sanitizer stations and masks will be available to the public.

7. The facility must be sanitized before and after each ceremony. Participants must exit the facility promptly at the conclusion of the ceremony. This will allow proper time for cleaning.

8. Administrative and security staff will monitor the ceremony and assist families as needed. Staff will direct families to specific seating areas.

These requirements could change based on any new directives from the Governor, Arkansas Department of Health, and Arkansas Department of Education.

Thank you for your support as we all navigate the next phases in the process of school reentry for the 2020-21 school year.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bryan Duffie", is centered below the text "Respectfully,".

Bryan Duffie. Ed.D.
Superintendent