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Building Futures: Every Scholar, Every Day

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JNPSD School Community:

Please continue to stay informed through all of our postings on JNP social media, JNP website, local media, and other communication outlets. All community updates and other information posted since March 6 is available for your reference.

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.

1. Governor's Press Conference Today (APSRC Report)

The Governor stressed masks are one tool we have to reduce the spread of the virus, while providing Arkansans the ability to be out and move in public without spreading the virus.

"I want to impress upon Arkansans this will make a difference for us. We have extended the start date for schools in Arkansas. This gives us an opportunity to get our cases down and reduce our spread, so we can send our children and start back to school in a way that is safe for everyone. Everyone should sense the urgency of wearing a mask and doing our responsibility to lower the risk of spread of the virus," Governor Hutchinson said.

ADH Secretary Dr. Nate Smith addressed rumors regarding the effectiveness of masks in controlling the spread of coronavirus.

"Masks are designed for source control. They work by keeping respiratory secretions to ourselves and preventing them from going airborne. This is good for the community. If everyone wears a mask, we're all protected because we keep our respiratory droplets to ourselves rather than getting them airborne," Dr. Smith said, noting that it works similar to when a surgeon wears a mask to prevent spreading his germs to the patient during surgery.

2. Volume 2 of JNP School Reentry will focus on school district expectations for the wearing of face masks. These expectations are based on medical advice from medical professionals. We need everyone's cooperation in protecting each other at school.

3. Revisions to the school calendar are underway due to the change in the start date for school. A final revised calendar will be presented for consideration by the JNPSD Board at the August 3 board meeting.

4. A school reentry Frequently Asked Question document will be released soon. This may help parents and community members concerning specific school issues.

Please understand that the COVID situation remains fluid, and plan-changing announcements can happen at a moment's notice. We appreciate your patience.

Thank you for your support of JNPSD during this critical time in our history.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bryan Duffie', is written over a light gray rectangular background.

Bryan Duffie. Ed.D.
Superintendent