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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.

### **Governor's Press Conference Today (APSRC Report)**

Governor Hutchinson announced that the state is working diligently to provide school district level data for cumulative cases, active cases and positivity rate, and this information will be made available before the start of the school year.

Arkansas Department of Education Secretary Johnny Key said, "ACHI is working closely with the Department of Health and the Department of Education for school district level data to include a weekly feed of COVID-19 positive cases from the Health Department, and then converting that to an analytic file and assigning geographic locations - basically overlaying that data onto a map of the school district - and then creating that rate of cumulative and active cases for each school district. As it has been stressed so many times, the testing issue is critical to this. So the number of tests and the accuracy of that data to have an accurate positivity rate is going to be important as well."

The state plans to roll this level out later this week, and it will include the first set of data points will include data through August 3, and then next week we will roll into the data points from this week. The data points will include the cumulative COVID-19 cases per school district population, the active COVID-19 cases per school district population, and rates of testing assigned to the counties within that time period.

"As we get ready and school districts start onsite, then they will need this data to help them with the response levels. As we see the cases occur that are connected with a school district, they can take this data look at what's going on in their district, look at what's going on in the broader community, and then make decisions under the guise of the response level documents in conjunction with the Health Department and the Department of Education. It will help to have better data to make better decisions as we move forward with onsite education," Secretary Key said.

1. Congratulations to Jessica Chunn! She was named our JNPSD Teacher of the Year at the JNPSD Convocation yesterday. Ms. Chunn teaches at Pinewood Elementary School.
2. Congratulations to Meredith McGinty! She was named our JNPSD Employee of the Year at the JNPSD Convocation yesterday. Ms. McGinty is the school nurse at Bayou Meto Elementary School, and she serves as our Lead Nurse for the school district.

We appreciate your support of our scholars and families as we approach the start of the new 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