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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, official documents, and other information posted since March 6 is available for your reference.

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

Governor Hutchinson provided an overview of Arkansas' strategy to minimize the spread of COVID during the winter months.

"We can reduce the COVID-19 cases by implementing a layered strategy. As we mitigate the risk by using each part of the strategy, we realize that every layer builds on the other layers and it takes us all working together to be successful," the Governor said.

The strategy focuses on two key parts - individual responsibility and support from health officials, schools and the community:

Individual responsibility:

Social distancing and compact crowd avoidance - This is a starting point

Masking - Remember we do have a mask mandate

Get a flu shot

Support from health officials, schools and the community:

Testing - The state will continue to test more than 6% of population each month

Contact tracing and quarantining - Compliance checks - We need to be responsible every day

Marketing campaign - To remind people of the importance of each layer

Vaccine distribution - The state continues to work on a vaccine distribution plan

The Governor announced the state's winter strategy will be posted to the ADH website.

Arkansas Department of Education (ADE) Secretary Johnny Key reported that last week, eight schools had to make modifications to onsite instruction, down from 11 the week before. Secretary Key also added that the biggest concern the department is hearing from educators around the state is the engagement of students in online learning.

"In response to that, we launched a couple of weeks ago ENGAGE Arkansas. As an update, we now have 118 districts who have signed up to participate in the ENGAGE Arkansas initiative with over 15,000 student referrals," Secretary Key said. "These are students the districts have identified as not being engaged in a proper level in their online learning. ENGAGE Arkansas is working through the Office of Education Renewal Zones and the Education Renewal Zones around the state to develop a process of working this database in the communities to identify wraparound services and other types of student supports, and identifying these students and reaching out directly to them in order to better understand what needs they have that can help them get better engaged with their online learning."

1. Jacksonville High School will switch to virtual learning Nov 4-6 as publicized in a press release earlier today. Virtual Monday will occur as scheduled.

2. Current status of JNPSD: Positive COVID Cases and Quarantine

<b>575 Staff – 3996 Scholars</b>	<b>Total to Date</b>	<b>Active</b>
Staff Positive	25	7
Staff Quarantine	96	27
Scholar Positive	17	5
Scholar Quarantine	282	51

As new information becomes available from the state, you will be advised.

Thank you for supporting JNPSD.

Respectfully,



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Superintendent