



# School District of the City of Jeannette

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

School Districts across the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania are operating in uncharted waters in response to the COVID-19 spread and subsequent orders to shut down. It has been very difficult on our entire Jayhawk family, and I wish I could predict the future and see how this will unfold. Unfortunately, there is no crystal ball and all we can do is prepare with the small pieces of information we've been provided.

During this time, the simplest thing I can ask of each of you is to be the parent your child needs and provide the comfort and love they need. You may not understand how to teach the quadratic formula, but you know your child's needs better than anyone. In this uncertain world when much is out of our control, you are their stabilizing force. Young students may not understand the why or how of what is happening and our seniors are certainly looking for reassurance as they ponder their futures. Please spend time with them, connect with them, and just love them. Read to them each day (Language Arts) or make something together (Art). Play a board or card game or go outside when the sun is shining (Math and Science & P.E.) Bake some cookies or their favorite meal (Reading & STEM). These are the life lessons our students can learn from their loved ones every day.

I can tell you that since the shut down on March 13, 2020, school districts have been working tirelessly to provide learning opportunities for students. Due to global events, the JCSD faculty and administration has been planning for nearly two weeks to provide Distance Learning for our students beginning on **Monday, March 30, 2020**. On March 13, 2020, before dismissal, all secondary students were directed to take their school issued ChromeBook home. Elementary parents should have completed the online survey this past weekend regarding their personal devices at home. The district is prepared to provide a device to any family that currently does not have the ability to access technology from home. We are currently making arrangements to distribute devices to those in need. If you do not have internet access at your home, Comcast is currently offering free services. Contact your building principal and they can provide you with the appropriate information. Additionally, our teachers are trained with use of Google for Education resulting in many of them either being certified or on their way to obtain their Google Educator Level 1. This is a platform which will be primary in the delivery of student information and is familiar to students using their district email.

In order for us all to be successful, operating in this new and uncertain time, we ask that you stay connected with us through email, Remind 101 and of course social media. You will be hearing from the district as we move through the week regarding the specifics of instruction as planned for next week. As we begin, I am sure you will have many questions. Do not hesitate to reach out to your child's teacher or principal. Daily, the entire professional staff will be working remotely to meet the needs of your children. Our district stands ready to offer assistance in this new learning environment. Although it will be difficult, I am convinced the community of Jeannette will adapt and overcome to ensure the best for each one of our students, families and staff.

Sincerely,

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