



## Jennings County School Corporation

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Dear Jennings County Families,

We have spent the last few weeks learning about the coronavirus (COVID-19) and its possible impact on our school community. This situation is very fluid and not only changes by the day, but by the hour. I have been working closely with our local Jennings County Health Department to make proactive decisions to keep our students and staff healthy. Yesterday, I also met with the Indiana Superintendent of Public Instruction and our School Board to receive input and provide updates on the COVID-19. As I shared with you earlier this week, we have been preparing, but not panicking, as we have been considering our next steps. After consulting with the Health Department and local health care professionals, we will be making the following changes within JCSC to respond proactively to COVID-19:

- The week of March 16-20, will be an e-Learning week of school.
- As you know March 23-27 is our Spring Break, which will still take place as planned.
- The week of March 30-April 3 will be an e-Learning week of school.
- When we are on e-Learning or closed, there will be no extra or co-curricular events or team practices/games.
- Latchkey and afterschool programs are also cancelled.
- All field trips will be suspended until further notice. As this situation is evolving, we may not be able to guarantee a full refund from agencies outside our control, but we will work to have as much money refunded as possible.
- On **Monday, March 16**, parents or guardians can pick up any medicine needed between 8:00 am to 10:00 am in school offices.
- We will be providing 5 breakfasts and 5 lunches each e-Learning week to **any child** under 18 years of age. Parents/guardians will be able to pick up food on **Thursdays**, March 19 and April 2, from **11:00-1:00 pm** at their child's school or **5:00-6:00 pm** at Jennings County High School. The pick-up will be a drive-through line outside the school offices. This will allow us to maintain time and temperature controls needed.

Yesterday, Governor Holcomb approved 20 days, which can be used to waive our 180 instructional day requirement. We are going to use our 10 planned e-Learning Days for the two planned weeks. This will allow us to have the additional 20 waiver days, which can be used at a later time, if needed, and prevent us from having to extend the school year. While I understand these closures may create a hardship for our families, our goal is to keep our community safe. Each one of us has a responsibility to protect those most vulnerable.

Sincerely,  
Teresa A. Brown, Superintendent

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