

March 24, 2020

Dear JCPS Families,

We hope all of you are healthy and staying engaged in some learning activities with your children during this unique time in history. While JCPS classes inside school buildings and traditional classrooms have been cancelled until at least April 20th, our staff has been working hard on a plan to resume your child's education on April 7th.

We will be using non-traditional instruction (NTI) beginning April 7th. NTI will be a way for your child to learn remotely. Teachers will have a mix of hard copy and on-line learning materials for students to use from home. We are in the final stages of developing a plan to get Chromebook computers from schools and into the hands of families who need one to facilitate their child's remote learning. You will receive details on how to request a Chromebook, how they will be delivered to families and how teachers will connect with students by the end of this week.

Here's a video with more information about NTI: <https://youtu.be/3zSvdl8n8CI>

We have a few other updates to share:

- K-PREP testing has been cancelled. The statewide achievement testing had been scheduled for mid-May.
- JCPS is collaborating with the Frazier History Museum on an educational opportunity for our students. We're calling this project "Coronavirus Capsule". The museum is documenting what students are seeing and feeling as well as how they are coping with the ongoing, historic pandemic. Students are asked to record their thoughts and experiences through writings, photos, videos, art or music - anything they choose to express themselves. The Frazier would like to use their reflections as part of a virtual exhibit, and eventually a physical exhibit at the museum. Send submissions to education@fraziermuseum.org with the subject line Coronavirus Capsule.
- JCPS' Emergency Food program needs some bags – that's right - bags. If you or your business have several of the large, thick paper shopping bags with handles that you might get from a department store, shoe store or carry-out restaurant, we need them to pack up breakfasts and lunches for families at our Emergency Food distribution sites. Drop the bags off at JCPS Nutrition Services, Building 2, C.B. Young, 3001 Crittenden Drive 7 a.m.–3 p.m. Wednesday-Friday this week.

We promise to keep you informed and give you another update on our plans for NTI by the end of the week. Thanks again for entrusting your child with the dedicated teachers, staff and administrators at JCPS.