

April 10, 2020

Dear JCPS Families,

The first week of Non-Traditional Instruction (NTI) is in the books and we couldn't be more pleased with the participation by students, families and teachers in the learning process. Preliminary data shows more than 90% of students had been contacted by their teacher(s) at many of our schools. On Tuesday alone, more than 80,000 students, teachers and administrators logged into Google Classroom with 23,000 active sessions. That's phenomenal!

As Dr. Marty Pollio has repeatedly said, we know there are going to be some challenges but JCPS teachers, administrators and staff are here to support you and your child. Here are some updates:

- Nearly all of the 20,000 Chromebooks requested should be delivered by the end of the day Monday. We are still contacting ECE families to make sure they have a computer in the home. We're also taking extra steps to track down families whose addresses don't match our records.
- All students should have been contacted by their teacher(s) by now. If your child hasn't emailed, talked, texted or had some interaction please contact the teacher via email or try to leave a message at the school.
- Families continue to pick up Choice Boards at our [Emergency Food sites](#) which are open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. We printed 53,000 new [Choice Boards](#) in English and several thousand more in other languages which were made available Wednesday. Beginning Wednesday, April 15th we will have 35,000 grade-specific packets of learning materials available at the food sites. These packets will be different than Choice Boards.
- Some of you have expressed frustration at trying to set up your child's PlayStation or Xbox as a computer they can use to access their NTI schoolwork. Here are a couple of websites that might help you figure it out: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e9HaCNKgAak> or <https://edtechawesomeness.com/2020/03/17/access-google-classroom-with-your-phone-your-xbox-or-your-playstation/>
- We know many of you may be struggling with staying at home, becoming a teacher's aide for your child and dealing with the uncertainty of the times. Here are some [strategies and exercises](#) that might help you cope.

We hope this first week of NTI has been a good one for you and your child. JCPS teachers, principals and administrators will be as flexible as possible in finding the best way for every child to learn during this unusual time. If you have questions, feel free to call 313-HELP during weekday business hours. You're doing great JCPS families! Have a great weekend and be ready for Week 2 of NTI next week.