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Dear JCPS Families,

We know it's been a strange and unprecedented couple of weeks for you, your children and the rest of the JCPS family. We promised we would keep you informed of what's going on while JCPS schools are closed and we all deal with the COVID-19 pandemic. Here's the latest:

- The Jefferson County Board of Education held a special meeting on Thursday night. You can watch a replay of the meeting [here](#). The main item on the agenda is approval of the district's Non-Traditional Instruction (NTI) plan. If JCPS approves and opts to employ its NTI plan, your child will be participating in distance learning via the internet. You will be receiving a number of communications in the next two weeks explaining how that would work.
- Many of you have asked for help in accessing your child's Digital Backpack from your home computers or cell phones. Here's [a video](#) that shows you how. You'll need to use Google Chrome as a browser. If you are still having trouble connecting, you can [contact](#) a JCPS IT specialist for help.
- The JCPS Choice Boards which have supplemental, optional learning activities and exercises for every grade level can be found [here](#). We're seeing and hearing lots of good stories about the way you and your children are using these to continue learning every day.
- Our Emergency Food distribution sites have been a huge success. We are distributing more than 12,000 free breakfasts and lunches to children 18 and under, no questions asked, every weekday from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. Here's the list of the [58 distribution sites](#) and a [map](#) of the sites across Jefferson County.
- JCPS counselors have come up with a [number of tips](#) to help families cope with the stress of being cooped up at home most of the day.
- All JCPS buildings including the VanHoose Education Building and the Lam Building are closed to the public. This will impact parents and guardians who are trying to register their children in-person. You can register on-line [here](#). Questions? Call 313-HELP from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday- Friday.

We will keep you up-to-date on any further developments as they happen during this unusual time. Thank you for entrusting your child to the hard-working teachers, administrators and staff at JCPS.