

JPS Response to School Closures

March 15, 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians,

In an effort to keep everyone updated as to what Jenison Public Schools is doing for our families in response to the closing of our schools due to the coronavirus, I am providing you with the following information.

Jenison Public Schools will offer free breakfast and lunch for children in need during the statewide school closure. Packaged breakfast and lunch is being made available through our food service program to any child ages 0-18 (or up to age 26 with special needs) each weekday beginning on Tuesday, March 17, 2020. The details of this food distribution are as follows: Beginning Tuesday, March 17, 2020, and available weekdays through April 3, 2020.

Time: 11:00am-12:30pm

Locations:

- Bursley Elementary – 1195 Port Sheldon St, Jenison
- Sandy Hill Elementary – 1990 Baldwin, Jenison
- Bauerwood Elementary – 1443 Bauer Rd, Jenison
- Jenison High School – 2140 Bauer Rd, Jenison

Drive up or walk to any site. COME, GRAB, and GO. A parent may pick up meals for children who are at home.

The school buildings will remain closed. Sites may change weekly as we continue to evaluate the needs of our community.

For families who are in need of food and can't get to any of these four locations, please email me at tenbrin@jpsonline.org and we will get food delivered directly to your homes.

Daycare for families in need is also being provided at the Kids First Building through our Early Childhood Center. If you, or if you know of someone, who is in need of daycare during the weekdays, please contact Lee Westervelt at lwesterv@jpsonline.org. He is currently working with JPS employees and community volunteers who are offering their time to provide daycare for the children in our community.

We are continuing to evaluate the needs of our community and develop plans to meet those needs. It is a blessing to work in a community where our churches are stepping up and volunteering to help in whatever capacity they are needed. Hand2Hand is also mobilizing to insure all families who are in need of food over the weekends are identified and provided what they need.

Thank you to all who have offered to volunteer to help in whatever way is needed. At this point in time, we have the necessary people in place to carry out the plans that are being implemented. In the future, we may be in need of additional volunteers. I will be sure to let you know of our district & community needs at that point in time.

Serving the students, parents, and employees of Jenison Public Schools,

Tom TenBrink
Superintendent