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Dear SJPS Community,

Today, Governor Whitmer issued an executive order suspending all in-person K-12 instruction for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year. Even though face-to-face learning has ended for this school year, the education of children enrolled in St. Johns Public Schools (SJPS) will continue! Faculty and staff of SJPS have been working on plans for learning at a distance for the past three weeks. Now that more of the parameters are known, we can finalize the development of our plans.

We know that there are challenges in our community regarding the availability and connectivity of technology. Keeping that in mind, our plan will vary in how we deliver content to all students whether technology is available or not. Last week we sent out a survey to ascertain who in our SJPS community has the ability to connect to the internet. If you did not complete the survey, SJPS will contact you to determine your available technology. This information will help us in our plan moving forward.

You can expect to hear about our plans within the next two weeks. There are still many details to work through and many different situations to address. You may have questions, such as how to pick up personal belongings, instructional materials, or details regarding grade promotion and graduating seniors. These and many other questions will be worked through and communicated to you in the coming weeks.

These are challenging times! Education will look different for a few months. We also acknowledge that many of you are facing challenges during this pandemic beyond your children's education. The most important concern should be the individual needs of your children and family. However, with perseverance and grit, we will continue to work together to meet the needs of our students. Together, we succeed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark Palmer', written in a cursive style.

Mark Palmer
Superintendent

Free Meals for Students:

We continue to offer free meals to ALL students. Check out the [MEAL SCHEDULE](#).