

March 30, 2020

JB Parents and Guardians,

We hope this letter finds you and your loved ones well. We want to thank you, again, for your continued flexibility and grace during this changing situation. With more than a week of distance learning underway, we have a lot to celebrate. Our teachers are making adjustments every day to improve distance learning delivery and methods, and our kids are taking this in stride.

We all hoped that we would return to school, as planned, on Monday, April 6. However, we just learned that the state of Ohio will extend this mandatory closing for all K-12 schools. Our schools will be closed and we will conduct distance learning until Friday, May 1. This order applies to all K-12 schools in the state, both public and private, and comes as COVID-19 continues to spread in Ohio.

### **Updated Calendar**

Monday, March 23 - Thursday, April 30 - Our schools will be closed, and we will provide distance learning for students.

Friday, April 10 - No school, Good Friday

Monday, April 13 - No school, Easter Break

Friday, May 1 - Mandatory shutdown is scheduled to be lifted. Gov. DeWine will reevaluate this date as it draws closer.

This is difficult news for all of us. We know how disruptive this is for our children and families, and our hearts go out to our families who are continually adjusting to support these measures.

**Our commitment to our JB families is stronger than ever, and we will continue to provide the education your students need.**

While we have been planning for this reality, we are still learning as a community. Since the original school closing announcement on March 12, we have introduced new technology, started offering virtual occupational and speech therapy, and prepared individualized lessons for our students' unique learning needs. We deeply appreciate your flexibility and understanding as we continue to refine what distance learning means for our students.

You likely have many questions, and we're working to get answers as quickly as possible. Over the coming days and weeks, we will have more details about testing, scholarships and billing, grades, graduation, Beyond Camp, and other important end-of-year information. We want to assure you that many end-of-year activities and celebrations, including graduation, will still be held. If we return to school in May, we will hold the graduation ceremony as scheduled. If we are still out of school at that time, we will find alternate dates to honor our graduates.

As new information is available, we will keep our community informed via communications and the [webpage](#).

If you have any questions, concerns, or needs, please contact the administrative team. We look forward to the day we can come together again safely and happily. What a day of celebration that will be!

Gratefully yours in mission,

Lannie Davis-Frecker, Jodi Johnston, and Jason Wojnicz  
Julie Billiard Schools Administration

### **Helpful Links**

[Julie Billiard Schools COVID-19 Alert Page \(updated regularly\)](#)

[Ohio Department of Health CDC Updates](#)

[Ohio Department of Health COVID-19 Cases](#)

[COVID-19 Information and Resources for Schools and School Personnel](#)

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