

March 20, 2020

JB Parents and Guardians,

Monday, March 23, begins our first day of online learning. Your child's teachers will reach out to you before Monday to establish a learning plan that includes methods, platforms, expectations, resources, and materials.

The past week has only served to highlight how strong the JB community is. We want to pause for a moment to thank our faculty and staff for using their spring breaks to create lesson plans. They are living out the JB Way in putting our students first. We also want to recognize you, our parents and guardians, for the sacrifices you're making. We see you, and we're praying for you and your families.

The next two weeks of distance learning will help us to grow even stronger. However, we are preparing for the possibility that our school closing will extend beyond April 3. Gov. Mike DeWine has suggested that schools could remain closed through May or longer. President Trump, the CDC, the Ohio Department of Health, and other sources, have supported this line of thought.

Julie Billiard Schools are preparing for this scenario. We know that distance learning is not the best method for our students, and we recognize the strain it places on you as a parent or guardian. We are working with our faculty and staff to continue to improve this experience for everyone. We have a few important notes about this.

1. We are still providing the therapy services that your child requires. While the actual delivery may look different, our speech, music, art, and occupational therapists have created online resources and will be holding virtual sessions in the coming weeks for your child if therapy is part of his or her IEP.
2. Our teachers and therapists are all working to make this experience positive, engaging, and educational. They are learning new tools, testing new technology, and developing new lesson plans. Even though our teachers may be instructing remotely, they are planning and working to ensure that the excellent education you are used to receiving from JB continues throughout this uncertain time.
3. All families are expected to continue their tuition payments, as we are providing a full education through distance learning. If you are having difficulty paying your tuition, please reach out to us.

We will continue to make adjustments as each day brings new developments in this global pandemic. Please be prepared to make adjustments as well. As new information is available, or

if public health recommendations for schools change, we will keep our community informed via communications and the [webpage](#).

Thank you for your patience and flexibility as we continue to figure this out as a community. The health and safety of your child and your family continues to be our top priority. If you have any questions, please contact the administrative team.

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### **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](#)