

Dear John Muir Families,

I want to thank all of you for your patience and understanding as we navigate the evolving information and guidance regarding COVID-19.

As parents and families of John Muir students, I understand the difficult decisions you are making regarding school attendance. Public Health continues to recommend school districts remain open, as long as the district can maintain appropriate supervision and adequate services. I acknowledge and respect your choice to keep your student home or send your student to school. I too am a parent and understand these decisions weigh heavily on our hearts and minds.

I recognize how much information you are having to sift through; my hope with this communication is not to add to the information overload, but to condense the most important pieces in one email and inform you on what it means for JME.

JME Keeps Learning

On Friday, March 13th, our staff will be working together to organize online tools for students to access as well as other learning opportunities for at-home use. These tools are not meant to replace or replicate classroom learning experiences but provide opportunities for the practice of skills. We encourage you to work with your child's teacher to gather missed assignments. Our staff remains committed to providing outstanding educational experiences to students during this time of uncertainty; and I appreciate the grace and gratitude you show them every day.

JME Cares

We recognize that families will have different needs as we experience the impact of COVID-19. I want to remind our community that we are here to serve you and your family. Our Family Engagement Liaison, Na-eemah Webb is here to carry out JME's dedication to supporting students' success by supporting their families. Please feel free to contact Ms. Webb for any family resources/supports you may need; including food, computer access, clothing, and financial assistance. Attached you will find a compiled list of resources that you might find helpful. Ms. Webb is available at nawebb@lwsd.org or 425-936-1488.

JME School Attendance:

As parents you are faced with daily decisions to send your child to school or keep them home. If you decide to keep your child home. Please call the

attendance number at 425-936-2641 and excuse your child's absence if they are out.

Click the link below to find helpful information to consider when making a decision about sending your child to school:

<https://www.lwsd.org/programs-and-services/health-services/too-sick-for-school>

JME Voice Matters

Your voice matters. If you have feedback, questions, or concerns regarding COVID-19 and our district response, please visit the LWS D website for the most up-to-date information. On the website, you will see the "Let's Talk" feature. Click on this, select "Coronavirus" as the topic and note your feedback or questions. This feature is being regularly monitored.

You can read Public Health – Seattle & King County's updated guidance here: <https://www.kingcounty.gov/depts/health/news/2020/March/5-slowing-the-impact.aspx>.

Our JME staff cares deeply about our students and appreciate your continued partnership as we navigate this together. We understand your concerns and want you to know that our job is to keep students safe, happy and learning. During these fluid times, I want to remind our community, staff, and students that we are in this together and the way we treat each other will outlast COVID-19. We are JME!

Sincerely,

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