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TO: Pecan Park Parents and Families
FROM: Wanda Quon and Terrance Hill
RE: Coronavirus Concerns and Updates
DATE: March 22, 2020

With the coronavirus (COVID-19) concerns, this past week has been filled with uncertainty and much anxiety. Please know that we are working through the issues using the most recent updates and information. The information listed below can also be found on the JPS homepage with more details –

- On March 19, Governor Tate Reeves signed an executive order closing all of the state's public schools until **April 17**. It is uncertain if school closures will extend beyond this date.
- JPS began serving free grab-n-go lunch and breakfast meals on March 18 from 9:00-11:00am. The schools in our area serving meals are Blackburn Middle, Lake Elementary, and Raines Elementary. Please take advantage of this service.
- On March 19, the Mississippi State Board of Education (SBE) voted to suspend all state assessments for the 2019-20 school year (this includes the MAAP test for grades 3-5, MKAS test for PreK-K, and English Proficiency test for EL students).

As a school, we are very concerned about the academic growth of all of our students. Students/parents may access instructional activities from the JPS homepage **and** specifically for Pecan Park students, on our school webpage. Even though the district and the school are providing instructional activities, we realize that all families do not have the same access to resources and technology. The district has announced that students will not be penalized for any activity/assignment he/she is unable to complete. We encourage all students to continue with academic work, whether it is provided by the district, by Pecan Park, or on any academic website. Parents, please establish a schedule for your child to have a specific time to work on educational activities (including reading daily) and a time for physical activity.

As we continue to work through this unsettling time, we ask that you stay informed through the JPS homepage, the Pecan Park website, and through the local news. We will continue to use robocalls along with the district using broadcast calls.

Stay safe and healthy.