

November 6, 2020

Dear JG Family,

I hope this email finds you happy and healthy.

John Glenn continues to provide high-quality schooling for our students even though COVID-19 creates many challenges for families and schools. I am extremely proud of everyone's teamwork toward our common goals. Thank you!

Despite the increased COVID-19 numbers, I think it is important to summarize that at this time, John Glenn has only seen 6 positive cases among staff, and 14 positive cases among students since October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020. This is less than 1% of our entire student/employee population. The positivity rate in our local school community remains very small in comparison to others. Obviously, this has resulted in numerous close contacts of students and staff. It is sometimes challenging to determine and share every incident as they may result from personal activities outside of school. In our on-going effort to provide transparency, close contact absenteeism has averaged 5-10% daily, corporation-wide.

We intend to continue on-campus, in-person schooling. At this time, we will not be reverting to a red/yellow phase, or closing schools completely, unless we have a substantial local outbreak, or we are directed to do so by local/state authorities.

However, in an effort to provide a much-needed reprieve from "COVID-fatigue," we will be extending our Thanksgiving Break to include two e-Learning days on Monday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> and Tuesday, November 24<sup>th</sup>. **Again, we will NOT have in person school on Monday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> or Tuesday, November 24<sup>th</sup>.** Thanksgiving Break will be as scheduled, November 25, 26 and 27. Each classroom teacher will develop plans for these e-Learning days based on the specific needs of individual kids and classroom situations. You can expect this to be very similar to previous e-Learning days.

The reason for this decision is to provide a more substantial holiday break for everyone and minimize on-campus traffic. It is our hope that we can have a full strength staff and student body back on Monday, November 30<sup>th</sup>, for our final three weeks on-campus prior to winter break.

Thank you for your continued support!

Yours in Education,

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Superintendent