April 2, 2020

Dear JCPS Parents,

We hope your family is staying home, staying safe and preparing for remote learning, called Non-Traditional Instruction (NTI), to begin Tuesday. Here are some additional updates for you as we head into the final weekend before school work resumes:

- The deadline for families of children in the Free or Reduced Lunch (FRL) program or Exceptional Child Education (ECE) program to request a Chromebook computer from JCPS has been extended until 5 p.m. tomorrow (Friday). We will be sending another email to eligible families tonight with instructions on how to request a Chromebook on-line. If your child is in the FRL or ECE program, you haven't requested a computer and don't receive an email tonight, you can call 313-HELP (4357) on Friday. You may have to wait several minutes before getting a JCPS employee on the line to help you. We ask for your patience. If your child doesn't receive Free or Reduced Lunch or ECE services, please don't call. Our phone lines have been jammed all week. (Please note: if your child attends a Free and Reduced Lunch school, but your family is not individually qualified for that status, you are not eligible for this initial request.)
- We have begun boxing and are preparing to mail thousands of Chromebooks to eligible families who requested one. Here's a video of our operation: <u>https://youtu.be/Qox8p4YQEVA</u>
- We would love for you to take some pictures or short videos of your student as they begin NTI on Tuesday. Pictures or videos of your child interacting with their teacher(s) on-line, using their computer to work on a problem or doing a Choice Board exercise on the kitchen table are great examples of your child doing remote learning. Tag us at @JCPSKY in your Twitter, Facebook or other social media posts. Use the hashtag #WeAreJCPSAtHome. You can also send them to our partners at the Frazier History Museum at <u>CoronavirusCapsule@gmail.com</u>. The museum is chronicling these historic times through the eyes of our children.

We have built an entirely new way of learning for JCPS students in less than two weeks. We know there are going to be challenges. But we promise, with your help, we will continue to provide your child with an engaging education that is essential to their future.