

JEFCOED NEWS

April 20, 2020



Superintendent's Message



Dear JEFCOED Family,

Once again, we meet like this. I wish we didn't have too. I wish we could all be together and classes back in session. I wish our "new normal" was, well....normal.

I hope you all remain healthy. I hope you all are managing distance learning well. I hope you are paying attention to this spring severe weather season. It's April in Alabama and that means Mother Nature has curve balls ready to throw. Stay mindful of that and stay weather aware.

A lot of you probably heard this week about the recommendations about reopening our state. If Alabama reopens quickly, what does that mean for things like graduation ceremonies? I can tell you we remain committed to honoring our seniors and their accomplishments in some fashion. But before we make any announcements about that subject or others, we will wait on concrete guidance from Governor Ivey and our state health officials.

You know I call us a family. We are that. But families are also teams, and I want to close this week with a message about teamwork.

I shared a video with my senior staff and principals this past week. One of the central messages: Hard Defines Greatness. Folks, we're in hard times right now. But how will this "hard" define your character? What we do at this moment, what we do as a team, how we continue to character build, will define our success when "normal" returns.

Don't get me wrong. I've been amazed with everything that we have accomplished to this point. Our team's efforts have been nothing short of amazing. However, we can't back off.

Students, will you continue your studies, so you're ready to move forward when classes resume?

Teachers, how will you educate and keep your kids engaged, so that they continue to progress rather than regress?

Staff members and administrators, will you do everything in your power to keep our district on the right path?

Every person has to do his or her part to make our team as strong as possible.

Remember, "Hard defines greatness. And the teammates will decide."

Here is another quote - "Now go, and make amazing happen!"

Sincerely,

Dr. G

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Q&A with Dr. Gonsoulin

Sunday April 26, 2020 @2:30pm

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