

# JEFCOED NEWS

April 30, 2020



## Superintendent's Message



Dear JEFCOED Family,

I hope you had a chance to join us Sunday for our virtual town hall. My sincere thanks to WBRC Fox 6 for their willingness to host it on their Facebook page. It was a great experience, and I sincerely appreciate all of you who reached out with questions. I hope I was able to provide some clarity.

Unfortunately, we don't have all the answers right now, and I know that fact can breed frustration. However, please know that your JEFCOED leaders are committed to making decisions and sharing them with you in a timely manner. I too want to know what next school year will look like. Will things be back to normal? We hope so, but we don't know for sure. My staff and I are trying to anticipate all contingencies and plan accordingly. We will be ready!

One of the biggest, most important, and earliest decisions we will have to make concerns graduations. As many of you heard Tuesday, Alabama will soon shift to a "safer at home" order. It is set to expire Friday May 15<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm. After that, we don't know what we will be allowed to do. However, it seems unlikely that large gatherings will be allowed in the near future.

I want to stress a couple of things. Regardless of what we do in terms of ceremonies, seniors will get their diplomas on time. Seniors will also have a voice in how they are honored. Principals have selected a group of seniors to represent their school, and this week I have been holding virtual meetings with each group. All possibilities are being considered from a virtual graduation, to a drive through option, to smaller ceremonies. We will do everything we possibly can to make sure students receive the proper recognition they deserve.

Finally, let me offer a word of encouragement to our entire district. You guys are doing great! Last week I spoke about teamwork, and that is exactly what I'm seeing. We have had virtual spirit weeks and even teachers making videos to reach out to kids. I am going to share a few links in the "Great Things Are Happening" section. Parents, thank you for all you are doing. Homeschooling is not easy. However, your efforts to keep your children engaged will pay off tremendously when classes resume.

Please stay safe. Please stay healthy. We are #JEFCOEDSTRONG

Sincerely,

Dr. G

## IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Have you filled out the 2020 Census?

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## Town Hall with Dr. G

### Did you miss it?

You can watch the replay on

[JEFCOED Facebook page](#)



## Eighth Feeding Site Added!

Pick up now also available at the Adamsville Senior Center.

[Click here for a list of sites and times](#)

## Great Things Are Happening!

[Gardendale Kindergarten Teachers' Message to Students](#)

[Gardendale Third Grade Teachers' Message to Students](#)

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