



# CONTINUOUS LEARNING OPTIONS

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# Background Information

- The Governor of the State of Iowa recommended that all Iowa schools close for a period of four weeks on March 15, 2020
- JCSD followed the recommendation of the Governor, and is closed through Friday, April 10, 2020
- The most current recommendation by President Donald Trump is that social distancing continue through April 30, 2020. Governor Reynolds aligned with this recommendation and closed schools through April 30, 2020.



# Background Information

- The Iowa Department of Education (DE) is offering twice-weekly webinar updates for schools
- On Friday, March 27, 2020, the DE provided information for public schools to consider if the recommendation for schools to stay closed continues.
- Three Options:
  - Continue as is, with voluntary learning (not required)
  - Move to required learning (required for students)
  - Hybrid approach (some levels having voluntary learning, some having required learning)



# Voluntary Learning

- Optional learning for students provided by teachers, with the exception of AP, Concurrent Enrollment, and Credit Recovery
  - AP and Concurrent Enrollment are considered college courses and follow college guidance
  - Credit Recovery can continue for those students previously involved in order to not broaden the gap in learning for at-risk learners



# Voluntary Learning

- No grades are collected or reported
- Feedback can be provided
- Equity is a consideration, but not a requirement
  - ESL
  - IEP
  - Low SES
- Work completed during this time could be considered in a competency based system
- School is considered closed



# Required Learning

- Required learning for students provided teachers with a goal of academic rigor
  - Grades are provided and reported to students and families
  - Credit can be earned
- Equity is required:
  - ESL
  - IEP
  - Low SES
  - Provision of specially designed instruction and supports for English Language Learners is required



# Required Learning

- Expedited application process through the DE
- Work completed during this time could be considered in a competency based system
- School is considered open



# Hybrid Approach

- Combines Volunteer and Required Learning Options
  - Can delineate by grade level





# Administrative Recommendation

- Remain voluntary for the remainder of school closure, or end of the school year, whichever comes first.



Questions?