



JAMES IRWIN CHARTER SCHOOLS

Character Development and Academic Excellence

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Dear Parents, Students, and Families of James Irwin,

We are living in an unprecedented time in our community, nation, and planet. We know that there is a lot of fear about the spread of the virus, but leaders in our community and our nation have done a great job of reacting quickly to minimize the rapid spread of COVID-19. Please know that we will continue to operate and provide an education to your children during this time.

Yesterday, Governor Polis issued an Executive Order stating that students in Colorado will not be attending school in person until after April 17th. More information will follow pertaining to what distance learning will look like for JICS students from March 30th through April 17th. Be assured that our teachers are already busy working on how we can best educate your students, and we will provide more details when we have them.

We know that this information brings both certainty and uncertainty for the weeks ahead. We ask that together we allow each other a measure of grace, as we develop plans for what school looks like in the days ahead. Now, more than ever, we must work together for the benefit of our children. We thank you for being patient as we navigate this new reality.

During the next week you will be receiving a communication from your student's school administration outlining how each school plans to continue education for your child. If you have students in multiple James Irwin schools, it is likely that the learning platform and plan may not be exactly the same for every school. We know that teaching elementary-age students is very different than teaching high school students, so each principal is working closely with their own team to build the best possible solution. The communication you receive from your child's school will outline how learning will continue.

During this time, we would encourage parents who are home with students to keep a normal schedule for the children and provide exercise opportunities. This is also a great time to learn something new as adults. Spending time learning side-by-side with your own children will encourage them to continue learning while you recall or learn something new.

As we receive new guidance from local and state leaders, we will continue to update families of James Irwin Charter Schools.

Very Sincerely,

Rob Daugherty,
Acting on behalf of Jonathan Berg, CEO