

Bluejay Strong – January 25, 2024

Good afternoon students and parents,

It has been good to see students, teachers and staff return to the elementary and middle school buildings this week. The hard work and collaboration to make it all possible is encouraging to witness. I am also pleased to share that 100% of our middle school teachers are back at school, and 91% of our middle school students were in the classroom their first day back. At the elementary today, we have 96% of our teachers and 88% of our students back.

[Click here to view pictures from the open house events.](#)

I want to reiterate again how much the school district appreciates the generosity of the Perry community and those individuals, organizations and businesses outside of Perry who have supported our community over the last few weeks.

[Here are just a few examples of the acts of kindness we've received.](#)

In tomorrow's message, we will share more information about the support administrators who have been hired to help the district over the next few months. They are all high-quality individuals with deep experience in school administration and education, so we are appreciative of the opportunity to tap into their expertise. More on them tomorrow!

Once again, as the reopening of our schools occurs in a phased approach, communication from your child's teachers and school will resume. Please continue to monitor the district's website, Facebook pages and Bluejay Strong for updates. Additional questions can be sent to Bluejaystrong@g.perry.k12.ia.us.

News for Today – Thursday, January 25, 2024

SCHOOL REOPENING PLAN REMINDERS

High School

- The open house for parents and students and the first day of school occur next week. The open house at the high school is Tuesday, January 30 from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. and the first day of classes is Wednesday, January 31.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lunches – Grab and Go lunches will continue until January 30th. They can be picked up from 10:00 – 10:30 a.m. in the east parking lot of the elementary school. Please pull up to the service drive – door #8 to be helped.

COUNSELING

Important Note to Parents: When schools reopen, counseling support will be available to all students who are seeking additional support. If you DO NOT want your child to receive these

support services, please reach out to your building principal. If you have additional questions, please contact Laura Skeel, Director of Learning Supports, at 515-330-6970.

Heart of Iowa Community Services

Heart of Iowa Community Services (www.hicsiowa.org) is available to assist with resources for both short- and long-term therapy and service needs. Financial assistance for mental health and disability services is also available for those without insurance or with limited insurance coverage. Please contact our office at 515-993-1722 or visit our website to learn about our services.

Project Recovery Iowa

Visit [Project Recovery Iowa](#) – to sign up for a time for a virtual conversation, phone or chat and indicate the time that works for you. Call 1-800-447-1985 for more information.