



September 5, 2022

Dear Madison families,

This weekend's devastating weather has left several of our families who live in the eastern portion of our county in very challenging and life-altering situations. We want you to know that we are here to help support you, your family, and our community.

We are committed to helping families access basic need items for our children and their families. Our staff has already begun to work on a plan as to how we can assist and will be working with partnering agencies to identify needs and develop a plan for efficient distribution of necessary resources. We will be communicating more on this as the plan is finalized over the next few days for larger scale collection and distribution of the items donated. Anyone who is able to, is invited to donate - we will send more on ways you can help soon!

Our Transportation team has been in touch with the Jefferson County Highway Department to have a better understanding of the areas most impacted by the flooding and specifically which areas have been closed off due to road damage. Our bus drivers will be in touch directly with families in the areas most impacted on the eastern side of the county to create a plan where they can safely pick up and drop off their students. We ask for patience as some of our routes may take longer than usual as we encounter the next few days and likely continued changing conditions.

We are also aware that there will likely be several additional, potential closures and detours that develop over the next several days and weeks as inspections continue to assure roadways and bridges are structurally safe. Our team is committed to frequent communication with the families in areas that have been impacted to ensure we are able to continue to provide a stable, structured routine for students to attend school, interact with their classmates and friends, and provide meals and necessary basic necessities for families to begin to heal and rebuild.

We appreciate your patience and understanding over the next few weeks as we work together to navigate this ever-changing situation. If your family has been displaced by recent events, please let your school know of any temporary address or phone number changes, so we stay in contact as we plan accordingly. If your family needs assistance with clothing or is facing food challenges, please let us know.

Our schools and our school families are here to support you and your family in any way we can. For those able to donate, please be on the lookout for additional information coming in the next few days on logistics and specific needs for families.

We encourage everyone to check on your neighbors and look out for one another. Please don't hesitate to reach out to your school family if you have any questions or we can help meet your needs.

Sincerely,

Dr. Teresa Brown, Superintendent