



No School for Students April 26

Dear Jeffco Families,

Jeffco Public Schools will be closed for students on Thursday, April 26, 2018 due to labor shortages.

As you are likely aware, K-12 public education funding and the long-term stabilization of the Public Employees' Retirement Association (PERA) system are problematic in Colorado. Public education staff, parents, and other supporters have become increasingly vocal in their advocacy for increased funding for our K-12 public schools and the stabilization of PERA. There is a belief among these groups that years of low funding is having a significant impact on our ability to attract quality candidates into the teaching profession, and is impeding the ability to effectively deliver the high level of educational experience our students deserve.

We expect many teachers and staff members are going to the state capitol to petition their legislators on this matter on April 26. The lack of sufficient staff could impact the district's commitment to providing a safe learning environment. To ensure students' safety, we will not have school for students on Thursday, April 26. This remains a work day for all Jeffco Public Schools staff members; leave time must be appropriately used if employees are not at work that day.

I apologize for any inconvenience this may cause our families, but I'm pleased to be able to make the announcement well in advance so families may make needed arrangements. Perhaps some of you will be able to participate in "[Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work Day](#)," which happens to fall on the same day.

Extracurricular activities will proceed as scheduled, unless you hear differently directly from your school. Charter schools may not be closed, please check with your school. We will not have to make up the school day unless we encounter a snow day before the end of the school year.

Thank you for your continued support of Jeffco Public Schools. We are grateful for the opportunity to serve your family.

Sincerely,
Dr. Jason E. Glass
Superintendent & Chief Learner
Jeffco Public Schools