



Top 5- January 23, 2024

1. Governance Updates

At the January 10 meeting, the Jeffco Board of Education unanimously approved JA's Charter Replication Application for the Coal Creek Canyon Campus (JA-CCC). The approval came with a condition that JA must reserve \$250,000 for JA-CCC in case of budget constraints. Additionally, in order to be eligible for the CCSP Replication Grant to help fund the school, the Colorado Department of Education required an amendment to JA's enrollment policy, capping the number of staff and founding members' students to 20%. The JA Board approved the funding condition and enrollment policy changes at the January 23 meeting and provided direction to Tim Matlick, JA Executive Director, to move forward in hiring a transition lead with the goal of opening the campus for the 2024-2025 school year. Jeffco also required more information regarding how MTSS will be handled in the new school, which the administration will provide.

On January 18th, Jeffco Board of Education approved JA's Charter renewal without any question or raising any concerns. The JA BOD would like to express our gratitude to Tim Matlick, school administrators, and JA staff for their hard work on the charter renewal application!

2. Academic Successes

JA Secondary was recently recognized by the Jeffco School Board for achieving an impressive graduation rate of 98%, making it one of the top-performing schools in the district. Moreover, our elementary school has witnessed remarkable progress this year, with 66% of students who initially had academic challenges surpassing expectations and demonstrating significant academic improvement. Kudos to our teachers and students for reaching these impressive achievements!

3. Community Cares

We are extremely grateful to everyone who contributed to our JA Community Cares Holiday program this year. Thanks to your generosity and support, JA distributed 41 holiday care packages worth a total of \$38,000 in donations. This accomplishment is truly remarkable and a testament to the strength of our community. A special thanks to Tiffany Blakley, Community Engagement Coordinator, who spent countless hours making sure this program is a success and our JA families have wonderful holiday memories. Click [here](#) for the 2023 program results presentation.

We recognize that our JA families require assistance throughout the year. That's why we want to raise awareness about the new ongoing needs program. If you are a family in need of support, please [click here](#) to learn more about the ongoing needs program and submit a request. And if you are in a position to help fulfill some of these needs, please take a look at the current support requested [here](#). Together, we can make a difference in the lives of our community members.

4. Did you know that it's an Election Year??

Sure, November's a big deal, but even more impactful to your everyday family life are JA elections. It's a privilege to have a parent-governed school, so add your voice and brilliance to the Board to keep our school moving in the right direction. [JA's Board of Directors](#) will have 3 openings this Spring and we want YOU to join us! Election notices coming soon to an inbox near you! If you have questions about serving on the Board, please do not hesitate to contact any of the current Board members. We would be happy to share our experiences with you.

5. Strategic Planning Community Survey

We value the input of our parents and staff in our strategic planning process. To ensure that our 2024-2027 Strategic Plan accurately reflects the needs and priorities of our charter school community, we kindly request you to take a few minutes to review the updated [SWOT metrics](#).

Your thoughts and suggestions are highly appreciated, and we encourage you to share any additional items that you believe should be considered [here](#). Thank you for your participation!

Sincerely,

Your JA Board

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