JFK Mental Health Team Initiatives
Supporting the families of Southwest Denver

### JFK Mental Health Team Website

The JFK Mental Health team also provides students and families with their own mental health department website, which contains academic, postsecondary, and social-emotional resources. The JFK mental health website has also been updated to reflect the change to DPS remote learning, representing the flexibility of this critical student resource.

JFK Resource Room

The JFK Resource Room was established in 2017 and allows students and families to access school supplies, clothing, hygiene products and more for free. For the past two years, the Resource Room has received a grant through the DPS Pupil Assistance Fund for their "Sponsor a Senior" initiative, which covers costs of activities associated with a 12th grade student's final year of high school (graduation cap & gown, prom ticket, senior brunch tickets, etc.). Through this support, seniors can focus on their final year without any financial burden. JFK also hosts an annual Thanksgiving basket program where JFK staff deliver food baskets while conducting a positive home visit. This year, over 70 families participated. JFK has also formalized a partnership with A Precious Child, which provided our families with over 100 holiday gifts and supported distribution of athletic equipment, hygiene products, bras, school supplies and other critical items to assist in student and family comfort.

JFK-Created Southwest Denver School Mental Health Coalition

JFK has also created a "Southwest Denver School Mental Health Coalition" to collaborate and share best practices with other DPS mental health staff (counselors, social workers, school psychologists, nurses, etc.) from the surrounding schools. The group also shares resources with each other through the Southwest Denver Resource Guide.
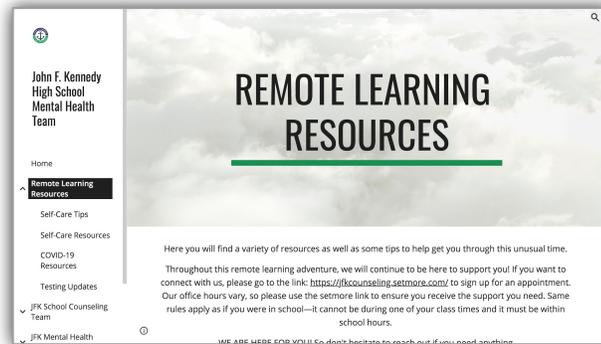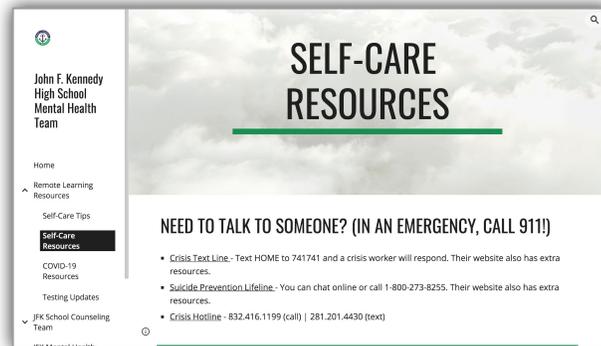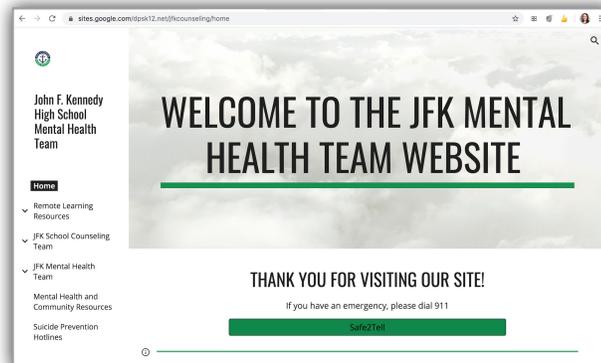
The screenshots of the JFK Mental Health Website demonstrate the flexibility to provide JFK students with what they need in ever-changing times of crisis.