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### ***Jeffco Public Schools Releases Third End-of-School Year Video***

**GOLDEN, Colo. (May 24, 2017)** – For the third year in a row, Jeffco Public Schools has produced an end-of-school-year music video. The 2017 edition features Britta Kraakevik (Britta K), a Chatfield High School student who composed and performed an original song for the video titled “I Can’t Wait.”

“Britta is supremely talented,” said Jeffco Public Schools multimedia journalist Jack Maher who produced the piece. “I first learned of her musical gift when doing a story about her singing the National Anthem at this year’s National Western Stock Show & Rodeo. When I commissioned her to do a song for us, I asked her to come up with something that really captured the feelings of students throughout Jeffco as they counted down the last days toward summer break. She hit it out of the park.”

A children’s chorus was recruited by Britta’s family to lend backing vocals for the song, which was recorded and engineered at Jeffco Public Schools’ Warren Tech North campus in Arvada, by digital audio production instructor Ron Gordon and his students. The video was shot at Warren Tech North and included green screen work at the school’s main campus in Lakewood, with the assistance of video production instructor Jon White and his students.

“I’m really pleased with the end result,” said Maher. “It helps set a nice tone for the end of the school year.”

The video can be seen on [JPS-TV](#), Jeffco’s Official, Emmy® nominated YouTube Channel.

#### **About Jeffco Public Schools**

Jeffco Public Schools has been providing educational excellence for more than 60 years. Approximately nine percent of all the K-12 students in Colorado attend a Jeffco school. Our mission is to provide a quality education that prepares all children for a successful future. The district serves over 86,000 students at 155 schools on 168 campuses. Find [Jeffco Public Schools](#) on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [YouTube](#).

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