

March 18, 2020

FASD – Update

Dear Parents/Guardians, Students, and Staff,

Good afternoon. Just a few updates from the Freedom Area School District:

1. **Governor's Executive Order** - Yesterday (March 17), Governor Evers announced through Executive Order #5 (actual order attached):
 - A. The school closure mandate will go from the original April 6, 2020 date to an "Indefinite" date in the future as to when schools may reopen.
 - B. Placed restrictions for people to gather from 50 people in a setting to just 10 people in a setting.

2. **Reminder:** Tomorrow, Thursday March 18, teachers in grade levels 3-12 will slowly begin to push out online learning materials. Grades PK-2 will work on their paper based learning materials at this time. Please remember to be **patient** as we enter into this new method of providing learning materials. If you need technology assistance, you can certainly contact the school using the following contact information:
 - A. **FASD Technology Help Desk**
 1. **email:** ithelpdesk@freedomschools.k12.wi.us or
 2. **phone:** (920) 716-7559 or (920) 418-2813
(*During the hours of (M-F 9:00-11:30 AM & 1:30 PM--3:00 PM))
 3. **Parent's Guide to Google Classroom** (Attached to this email)

3. **Free Lunches Coming** - Due to the recent mandated school closures, the Freedom Area School District Food Service was granted a waiver by the State of Wisconsin to begin offering **free daily lunches**. We were happy to have received this waiver yesterday to help us better serve our community. Please note the following regarding this free lunch program:
 1. Free lunch will be served to all students 18 and under (including any student's sibling(s) who may **not** yet be of school age).
 2. Lunches will be served to all students **regardless of eligibility**.
 3. Lunches will be provided via a Drive-through meal service as we cannot have extra people entering our buildings.
 4. Lunches cannot be consumed on school property.
 5. Lunches will be available for pick-up at Freedom High School (by doors just outside the Freedom Agriscience classroom exterior doors - On State Highway 55 side of building).
 6. We will **begin serving lunches** (M-F) beginning on **Monday, March 23, 2020**, between **11:00 AM and 12:30 PM.**

To sign up for free lunches, a weekly survey will be emailed (Initial email will be sent out tomorrow (Thursday, March 19)) to each family as well as posted on the FASD website. You may also call your child's school to tell them how many lunches your family will need on a given day. Please call your lunch order in prior to 9:00 AM each day. Thank you.

4. **Grades K-2nd – Future Transition to Online Learning** – In the next week or so, Parents of students in Grades K-2nd will start to receive more information about their child's transition from paper/pencil packet work to online learning. 4K students will continue to work with paper packets. Mrs. Lipsey and Mrs. Schmeltzer will be providing more information on this in the very near future.

5. Your Help Continues to be Needed – Please continue to speak to your children about the importance of implementing the following simple steps to preventing illness and avoiding exposure to this virus:

- Avoid social gatherings with people of all ages (including playdates and sleepovers, parties, large family dinners, visitors in your home, non-essential workers in your house); and practice social distancing (6 ft.) if you are amongst a small group;
- Frequent and thorough hand washing with soap and water;
- Covering coughs and sneezes;
- Avoiding touching your face;
- Staying home when sick.

Have a good evening.

Respectfully,

Kevin Kilstofte – FASD District Administrator