

November 29, 2020

Greetings EGF ISD 595 Families and Staff Members!

I hope you enjoyed the holiday weekend and were able to find time to sit back and enjoy life. It was the first time in many years that our family did not travel to Hendrum or Shelly celebrate Thanksgiving, but we made the best out of the situation. It made my Sunday when the Vikings pulled out the victory over the Panthers! SKOL!

The East Grand Forks will be making a temporary pivot to the distance learning for all grade levels this week. Please take a little time to review the following information and feel free to contact district administrators or the building offices if you have any questions. Some of the information was copied from a previous newsletter.

**“Meal to Go” Distribution Plan (New)** - The District plans to start the meal distribution program on Monday, November 30, 2020. Please go to <https://sites.google.com/egf.k12.mn.us/egfchildnutrition/menus> to find more information about the meal distribution program. **Please note - Meals will still be available for pick up at Door #1 of New Heights, South Point, and the Senior High from 11:00 - Noon on weekdays.**

**School Learning Model Decision (Updated Senior HS)** - The EGF ISD 595 Board of Education approved the following recommendations on November 23, 2020 and the transition to distance learning for all grade levels will start next week. The transition will not be the same for all grade levels and/or buildings. Please review the following information and feel free to contact the building principals or me if you have any questions.

- **Distance Learning Period** - The distance learning transition period will start on November 30 and full-time distance learning will run from December 3-11. **The District’s short-term goal is to bring all students back to school in model two (In-Person for Grades PK-5 and Hybrid for Grades 6-12) on Monday, December 14, 2020.**
- **Transition Time for Planning** - The transition time periods for planning for distance learning for Preschool, New Heights, South Point, CMS and the Senior HS staff members are as follows. **Please note - Students WILL NOT have school on planning days for distance learning.**
  - **Preschool** - The Pre-K staff members will be planning for distance learning on Monday, November 30 and Tuesday, December 1. Distance learning for Pre-K students will start on Wednesday, December 2.
  - **New Heights Elementary** - New Heights Elementary staff members will be planning for distance learning on Monday, November 30 and Tuesday, December 1. School will be in

- session for in-person instruction and materials distribution on Wednesday, December 2. Distance learning for New Heights students will start on Thursday, December 3.
- **South Point Elementary** - South Point Elementary staff members will be planning for distance learning on Monday, November 30 and Tuesday, December 1. School will be in session for in-person instruction and materials distribution on Wednesday, December 2. Distance learning for South Point students will start on Thursday, December 3.
  - **Central Middle School** - CMS staff members will be planning for distance learning on Monday, November 30. School will be in session for in-person instruction and material distribution for the “Green” group on Tuesday, December 1, and “Wave” group on Wednesday, December 2. Distance learning for all CMS students will start on Thursday, December 3.
  - **Senior High School** - The current distance learning period has been extended to Friday, December 11. **Please note - Monday, November 30, will be an “A” day for distance learning at the Senior HS.**

**Childcare for the Children of Essential Workers (from 11.24.20)** - The School District is required to provide childcare for the children of essential workers during distance learning periods. DyAnn Stordahl has been coordinating the program and information will be sent to families who have registered. The program is scheduled to start on Monday, November 30, 2020.

**COVID Notification Reminder for Parents and Staff Members (from 11.24.20)** - District officials are asking all staff members and families to continue symptom screening and calling the school building offices with information about COVID related illness. This is critical because we will have some students coming to school to pick up material, attend childcare, and participate in in-person instruction in special situations. In order to enter back into school on December 14, we must have a strong handle on COVID information to keep everyone safe for the return. Please keep up the great work! Call the school building your child attends about COVID testing, quarantining, positives, or if they are having symptoms! THANK YOU for your cooperation!

THANK YOU!

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