

# Fair Lawn Public Schools

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Nicholas J. Norcia  
Superintendent of Schools

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Dear Fair Lawn Community,

I hope that everyone is enjoying Spring Recess, even if it is in the comfort of your home with your loved ones. As promised in one of my previous letters, we have been assessing how we deliver instruction at home and constantly looking at what we learned from the first few weeks. At this point, we need to make necessary adjustments and plan should we be out of school longer.

Also, I would like to thank the 2,000+ parents and students who participated in our survey on ***Fair Lawn's Distance Learning Plan***. This is the highest survey response I have personally seen since being in Fair Lawn, and I thank you for the helpful and honest feedback so we can plan accordingly! Of those who responded, 88 percent favored a Pass/Fail grading model and 94 percent supported Flex Fridays.

I would like to make you aware of some important information, changes that are taking place next week, as well as changes in the near future for you to look out for:

- The survey results on ***Fair Lawn's Distance Learning Plan Moving Forward*** will be posted to the district website in the near future.
- Tuesday, April 14, and Thursday, April 16, will be FLEX days for students and teachers.
- During these FLEX days, students can “catch up” and complete any missed work from Weeks 1-3.
- Teachers will have time for professional development, which will consist of Distance Learning, Google Classroom, Class Dojo, preparing new lessons, and virtual platforms, etc.
- Elementary students who do not have a Gmail account will be provided one prior to Week 5.
- All schools will be moving from traditional grading to a Pass/Fail model for the remainder of the school year, including Marking Period 3 for the middle schools and high school.
- FLHS Marking Period 3 will now end on April 17, instead of April 13.
- Beginning in Week 5 on April 20, ***Fair Lawn's Distance Learning Plan*** will launch ***Flex Fridays*** which will consist of mindfulness activities tied to our social emotional learning standards. During ***Flex Fridays***, there will be no academic lessons on Fridays, unless a student chooses to catch up on their assigned work from previous days.
- Assignment due dates: All work assigned will be due by no later than the Friday of the following week. For example, the work assigned during Week 5 will be due no later than the Friday of Week 6.

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- Additional Information about Week 5 lessons and plans moving forward will be sent home next week from myself or your child's principal.

I thank you for patience and understanding as we navigate these uncharted waters together.

Please stay healthy Fair Lawn!

Sincerely,



Nicholas J. Norcia, Superintendent of Schools