

# Clearfield Area School District

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RE: Clearfield Area Schools Update

Dear Clearfield Families,

Greetings! I hope that this letter continues to find each of you well. As you are aware, the stay at home orders have included schools being closed indefinitely. While being an eternal optimist, I would love to be planning on how we get kids back in our schools, we must first continue to plan and work on what this time apart becomes. In this update we will reiterate important items that we have been carrying from letter to letter, share our plans to close out the third nine weeks and issue report cards, and then share our plans for the fourth nine weeks. We know that each family has its own challenges, not only now, but throughout a normal year, and our plans are trying to acknowledge those challenges as much as social distancing and virtual learning will allow.

## Communications

- A. The school phones and e-mails are still being monitored remotely. You will get a response.
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  - c. District Administration  
Phone Number is 814-765-5511 ext 6000
- B. Teachers have been starting communications directly with each family and/or student. This could be occurring through e-mails, text messaging applications, web pages, phone calls or the Sapphire class pages. We encourage you to be alert for these communications. If you have had recent changes with your phone numbers and e-mails that would allow us not to reach you, please let us know so that we can make the appropriate corrections.
- C. As a District we will continue to post on the district's website and Facebook accounts, and contact you through the district's notification system when we have new items posted. In addition we do have a Parent Resource section on the main page of the website that as we find things that can be done with children at home we will continue to post there as well.

### **Meal Delivery**

We continue to be blessed with a great crew of cooks who are now preparing over 400 breakfasts and lunches for the students in our community on a daily basis. Our drop off points continue to be the same. This week, Friday's lunch will be distributed with Thursday's meal distribution to allow our workers to have Good Friday off. Meal distributions will then resume on the following Monday. Starting today, there will also be an option for a hot lunch that can be taken home and microwaved.

### **Activities**

Any activity that would have occurred during this time has been postponed. Once we return to school we will then rebuild our activity schedule accordingly. These would include things like the NHS Inductions, the PTO Spring Carnival, and the musical.

The PIAA has not at this point canceled the spring sports season. We are also trying to determine options in regards to the Prom, and how we celebrate our seniors' graduation.

While these may not be the most pressing issues in the world today, they are important to our students who would have had the experiences, and as such we are continuing to look at our options, while those options still exist.

### **School Calendar**

The school calendar, with the Board's approval will be revised to reflect the days around Easter, except for Good Friday, to be considered school days. Our teachers will be trying to post work and continue their communications work with students during this time. The last day of the school year will still be scheduled for Wednesday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> for our students.

### **Clearfield County CTC**

The CTC staff has been working to also find ways to deliver instruction at this time. If your child attends the CTC they should have been contacted by their instructor, and updated on the items occurring at the CTC to help them at this time.

### **Third Nine Weeks**

The teachers will be working on completing the needed items to complete the third nine weeks report cards for a Friday submission to the office. It is important, especially at the secondary level for students to address any incomplete or missing work. Once grades are submitted, report cards will be prepared and sent home the week of April 13<sup>th</sup>. That will provide one last opportunity for students to address those grades and missing work. Grades for the third nine weeks, combined with the work from the first two nine weeks, will then be the basis for senior end of year recognitions.

#### **Fourth Nine Weeks and Moving Forward**

Starting next week the teachers will be starting to provide instruction that goes beyond review and enrichment. We are still working through what those expectations look like for students, what will be required for grading purposes, and how we provide appropriate adaptations for students. Those adaptations could be in place to address learning needs as identified through an IEP, or what is the most equitable way to provide materials based on student and family needs. This will take time, creativity, patience, and a willingness to try to do things in ways we never dreamt of several weeks ago. But with new challenges come new solutions and new opportunities. This time is not intended to create hardships, battles at home, or other problems. It is instead trying to continue the learning process as long as we can through this time. As such the normal grading we are used to will become a Pass/Fail format for the fourth nine weeks at the secondary school.

Take Care,



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