



Monday, April 20, 2020

RE: School Updates

Dear Clearfield Area Schools Community,

THANK-YOU! Thanks to our parents and our students. We have been evolving over the past five weeks from our initial shut down to where we are today, and as we have worked through those changes, you have had your lives turned upside down as well. As a school we want to acknowledge everything that has to be done in your home and try as much as possible to find a balance between those needs and school. If at anytime you have questions or concerns, please reach out to one of the school principals or counselors.

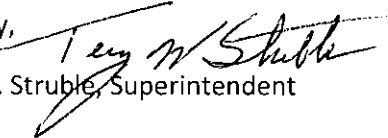
To provide some updates and clarity as to where we currently are please see the following.

- The **lunch program** continues to provide a daily breakfast and lunch at ten distribution points within the school district. This program is available to any child/student in the school district. Please see the website for more information about times and locations.
- The third nine weeks **report cards** have been mailed and should be arriving this week. It is important to review the information provided. It is the best snapshot of your child's performance through March 13, 2020. For students in grades 9-12, any items of concern need addressed with your teacher as soon as possible. Missing, or incomplete work, needs to be completed and updated by the teachers before the end of April.
- The **fourth nine weeks** has shifted more to new learning, than review and enrichment. That also creates a need for work to be completed and returned when possible. Recognizing that not everyone can complete the work at this point in time, the fourth nine weeks will be graded in both buildings as **"S" for Satisfactory** or **"NG" for Not Graded**. We intentionally stayed away from a Pass/Fail format as there is a difference in not being able to do something, or failing. As a result if your child is able to participate and demonstrate a minimal of new learning to the expectations set forth, your child will receive an "S" for the nine weeks. If that is not possible at this time, the grade will be recorded as "NG".
 - In grades 7-12, the "S" for the fourth nine weeks will be treated as a 100% in the fourth nine weeks and included in calculating the final grades for the course. In

- a yearlong course this would be averaged with the three previous nine weeks, and in a semester course, averaged with the third nine weeks. This is a great opportunity for someone who may have been struggling to pull up their grades.
- In grades 7-12, the “NG” for the fourth nine weeks, will defer the grading to what was completed prior to March 13th. So the final course grade would be the average of the three nine weeks, and the semester grade would be dependent on whatever the grade was in the third nine weeks. This is designed to not penalize those students who are not able to meet a satisfactory level in the fourth nine weeks. The “NG” will not pull down a grade, nor will it help pull up a grade.
 - Nine week courses in the high school, specifically Life 101 and Driver’s Ed, will for this year, not be included in overall GPA calculations for the students enrolled in those courses in the 2019-2020 school year.
- Work for the **fourth nine weeks** is being provided to the students. Secondary students may access this work through their Sapphire pages. The level and amount of work is being adjusted as we work our way through this process. If you have concerns, please make your teachers and principals aware of your needs. The elementary grade levels have also been updating their new packets and these will be either sent home electronically, or through the mail this week. If work cannot be returned or submitted electronically, we will have drop boxes available at the schools and the lunch spots for work to be returned physically. Please raise your concerns and needs with your teachers and principals so that we can try to help resolve them quickly moving forward.
 - **Lockers and student items** we are working through the safest way to allow students, and or parents, to be able to come to school and collect those items. At that time we will also be accepting the return of items that may be at home and no longer needed, such as library books. It is our hope to have our plan finalized this week. We will also set up a collection time at the end of the school year for textbook and equipment returns as well.
 - **Student activities and graduation** we know are a large part of student and family life. The spring sports season and most of the items we had scheduled, such as the musical, the PTO’s carnival, and the Prom and Life Skills Prom have been canceled at this point. We are still hopeful that we can celebrate our seniors with some form of a **graduation ceremony**. We are looking at all possible ways for this to happen. Final decisions in regards to how we recognize seniors and celebrate their graduation will be based on following the CDC and PA D.O.H guidelines at those times.

Thanks again for everything you are doing! We will continue to monitor and adjust what we do as the situations around us continue to change.

Sincerely,


Terry W. Struble, Superintendent