



Update #8 – May 26, 2020

Santa Fe R-X Community:

On behalf of the Santa Fe School District staff, I would like to thank the community for their support of all efforts during the facility closures this spring. We are presently working diligently to prepare for a return in the fall, whatever that may look like. Below are a few items that I would like to share with our parents and community to emphasize that the Santa Fe School District is taking measures to ensure a strong educational system for our students during this time:

Summer Academic Recovery-

The district will be holding a session to reinforce paramount concepts in Math and English Language Arts from August 3-14, prior to the start of the 2020-21 academic school year. Sessions will be held from 8:00 a.m. to 11:30 for grades K-8. Breakfast will be served and busing will be available. For high school students grades 9-12, ACT prep' sessions will be made available in the evenings. Enrollment will take place from July 15-17.

Fall Return-

Face to face return: What we are all hoping for! Should we be able to return to our facilities in August, we are making plans to ensure that key concepts in identified curricula that were missed during the 4th quarter of last year are integrated into the 2020-21 academic calendar. Staff will be meeting to identify what those concepts are and exactly how, when, and by whom those concepts will be recovered. There has been much talk about partial days, etcetera in the fall, and the scenarios seem endless and to be candid, some of them seem simply ridiculous. I will support either our entire student body returning or not returning until that is possible. I am not in support of ideas such as half of the students report every other day or half the student body report in the mornings and half in the afternoons; we will all be here or we all will not be here.

Virtual Return: I hope and pray that this is not the case. However, if it is, I again want to ensure our community that the district is taking steps to improve our distance learning offerings for our students. All grades would be assessed, scored and considered for a student's grade and Principals will work with staff to prepare as consistent of a schedule as possible to create routine for all involved. We will work our hardest to further improve our distance learning practices should we have to offer education this way again in the fall.



Graduation-

After speaking with the health department, the decision has been made to move forward with our June 20th date for our 2020 graduating class. Each family will be provided a section and allowed a certain number of seats for their guests. Unfortunately, the ceremony will not be 'open' to all. Measures have been considered for the safety of all in attendance. We are very glad to be able to offer a graduation ceremony that the graduates and their families can share together. Mr. Burton and his staff will be in contact with families to provide further information.

Prom-

Though we had hoped to be able to offer a formal dance this year, it does not seem reasonable nor responsible to hold this event. I/we regret that we were not able to do so this year.

Extra-Curricular Activities-

Santa Fe is still in a 'no student contact' mode, and facilities are closed for all activities. Beginning June 22nd, it is hoped to open up 'Phase 1' of contact, with students being allowed on campus in outdoor settings. Non-contact conditioning and agilities may be conducted by coaches. These plans are tentative and may be adjusted in the future upon consideration of evidence available at that time.

Supply/Belongings Return/Pickup-

On Saturday, June 6th, buildings (SFE & SFHS) will be opened for students to return school items and pick up any personal belongings left in the buildings from 11-1. Entry will be limited to an 'as needed' basis and measures will be taken to limit contamination/exposure.

SFE Open House/SFHS Registration-

SFE Open House: Will be held August 11th from 5:00-7:00 p.m.

SFHS Registration: August 11 & 12 from 12:00-6:00 for returning students

August 13 & 14 for new students (please call the high school prior)

Hoping all are well-

Sincerely,

**Derek Lark
Superintendent**



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