

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Flyers:

FLC Yearbooks are still on sale through the Lifetouch Website. Parents and staff can place orders online at the website using the code on the flyer [here](#). Customized yearbooks can be ordered up to and including April 27 online.

Flyers from Health and Humans Services may be of interest. On Behavior Health [here](#). On Stress [here](#).

Finally, here is the updated "I Spy" scavenger hunt list for those participating. Details [here](#).

Coronavirus Health Issues:

Please keep us updated on the health of our students:

FIS, Nurse Susan Scalgione: susans@freeholdboro.k12.nj.us

PAE, Nurse Marta Horvath: mhorvath@freeholdboro.k12.nj.us

FLC, Nurse Kelly Bernazzoli: kbernazzoli@freeholdboro.k12.nj.us

Our Advanced Practice Nurse Catherine Donohue is available to provide medical advice, prescription refills, referrals, and general support for students by phone. Her number is 908-675-3654, Monday through Friday, 12pm-4pm. She is bilingual.

Our Social/Emotional Hotline number is 732-810-3146. It is staffed during school hours by a bilingual operator with access to all district social/emotional support services.

Virtual Instruction Issues:

Issues with district technology should be sent to: techstaff@freeholdboro.k12.nj.us

This past Wednesday we posted the Marking Period 3 report cards on the Genesis Parent Portal. No paper copies will be sent home. We now have 78.6% of our student's parents/guardians signed into the portal. We will be continuing to work with the remaining 21.4% to get logged in.

Other Issues of Importance:

We are now doing Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten registrations online. The procedures are listed on our district webpage under Highlights. Parents need to register their students in order to have a Pre-K seat in 2020-2021. Current Pre-K students do not have to reregister.

We continue to plan for an eventual return to normal operations. There are many variables and so we have a number of plans based on different contingencies. I review them here briefly for your information.

Plan A: Assumes that we will be allowed to come back to school sometime in this 2019-2020 school year. For planning we have set June 1st, but that is just to have a date to work around. In this plan we are working what celebratory and year end events we could do in the time remaining in school.

Plan B: Assumes that we will not be able to return to school through the end of the year on June 19th. In this plan we are working on what virtual celebratory events we could do to help wrap up the school year, particularly for our 8th graders. In this plan we also have to address how students can recover their personal belongings, as well as the staff, and how we can gather district materials, all done safely.

Plan C: Relates to how we will do our summer programs: the 21st Century, Title I and Special Education Extended Year Program. There are three options under consideration, depending on circumstances.

1. If we come back this school year (Plan A) we can plan to do our programs in school at the established times.
2. If we can't come back this school year (Plan B) and the restrictions continue into the summer, then we may have to do our summer programs virtually.
3. If we are cleared to return sometime in the summer, then maybe we can start our summer programs later and still do them in school.

Plan D: Relates to possible adjustments we may have to make for the start of the 2020-2021 school year because of the virtual instruction this year. We also have to be prepared if we are still on virtual instruction starting the new school year.

Plans A, B, C, & D are totally dependent on when the Governor may authorize the schools to reopen. Since he has closed the schools through May 15th, as we get closer to that date we expect he will be issuing further guidance. Depending on what he says, some of these plans may be abandoned, or enhanced. This is the framework around which we are actively planning.

Plan E. One of the more immediate concerns, yet furthest out, is Plan E. Recently the Governor signed into law a new measure that authorizes virtual instruction to count towards the 180-day school year, if there is declared emergency and three or more continuous days of closure. This then requires districts to shift to virtual instruction within three days. Plan E outlines how we will do this. It took us 10 days to get virtual instruction stood up this time. Having to do it in three days means we have to cut down on the time getting devices to students and resolving Internet connectivity issues.

The immediate impact is on our budget for next year. This new legislation was signed into law since our initial 2020-2021 budget was approved. We are now making adjustments to our final 2020-2021 budget proposal which will be up for approval at our May 4th BOE meeting. To make Plan E viable, clearly we will have to expand our 1:1 initiative and work to get iPads for our youngest students to offset the need for pushing out paper packets. As we start 2020-2021,

you will hear more about Plan E as we have to be ready to return to virtual instruction in three days notice if there is a COVID19 resurgence. For the immediate present we are working making the budget adjustments needed to make Plan E viable in 2020-2021.

Upcoming Events:

Mon, Apr 27: Schools continue with virtual instruction

Mon, Apr 27: Food distribution 9am-12pm, rear of PAC.

Tue, Apr 28: Free dinners 5pm-6pm from Fulfill at PAE parking lot

Wed, Apr 29: Food distribution 9am-12pm, rear of PAC.

Thu, Apr 30: Free dinners 5pm-6pm from Fulfill at PAE parking lot

Fri, May 1: Food distribution 9am-12pm, rear of PAC.

Remaining Weeks in the 2019-2020 school year:

May 4 - May 8 (virtual instruction)

May 11 - May 15 (virtual instruction)

May 18 - May 22 (? *Pending Governor's Decision)

May 26 - May 29 (?*) (May 25th is Memorial Day)

Jun 1 - Jun 5 (?*)

Jun 8 - Jun 12 (?*)

Jun 15 - Jun 19 (?*)

Thank you.

Rocco Tomazic
Superintendent

