

March 16, 2020

Dear Parents,

Our Administrative Team met this morning to discuss distribution of food and the continuation of educational programming during this unprecedented closure of school. We have preliminary plans for both of these issues, but know that things are fluid and plans could change at a moment's notice.

- 1. The plan for food distribution
  - a. Food will be distributed at the following locations:
    - Fruitport High School student parking lot (between FHS and Edgewood)
    - Shettler parking lot
    - Clover Estates clubhouse
    - Country Estates clubhouse
    - Crockery Trailer Park by laundry building
    - Broadway Baptist Church parking lot (behind Sam's Club)
  - b. **Food distribution will occur from 10:00 11:00 a.m.** at each location on the following days:
    - Tuesday, March 17 2 meals per student
    - Wednesday, March 18 12 meals per student
    - Tuesday, March 24 4 meals per student
    - Thursday, March 26 10 meals per student
    - Tuesday, March 31 4 meals per student
    - Thursday, April 2 10 meals per student
    - Tuesday, April 7 4 meals per student
    - Thursday, April 9 10 meals per student

This plan gets us through spring break. Any student may take food, but we ask that families have signed up online so we know how many meals to prepare. We need volunteers on the days before food is distributed to put together the grab and go meals. Let me know if you, or someone you know, would be willing to come in and help. We would begin work at 8:00 a.m. and continue until enough meals have been assembled.

2. The plan for continuation of the educational program

- a. At this time we are not mandating any educational programming because some of our families lack internet access and we have no way to guarantee special education students would receive their legally mandated supports.
- b. That said, we will be sending you recommendations on how much time each day students should spend reading and doing other school related activities, along with other important information, including a list of internet resources you could access for free.
- c. Because the work cannot be made mandatory, grades will not be assigned to any work done during the closure. We are framing work that students do during this time to be exposure and practice in nature.
- d. We know that some of our teachers have been communicating directly with your families about work students can accomplish on their own at home. That is awesome and much appreciated! But again, because the work is not mandatory, grades will not count.

We will keep you updated on developments as they occur. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks!

Bob Szymoniak, Superintendent