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Educational Practices for Fairfield Union Local School District during the COVID-19 School Closing

The closure of the district due to COVID-19 has created obstacles and hardships across our district for families and staff. As we work to navigate these uncharted waters, we must realize, and on some level accept, we are at the mercy of our circumstances. We have developed an educational plan for the immediate future using the limited guidance we have received from the state. All of us must realize our plans need to be flexible and could change with additional orders from Governor DeWine or the Ohio Department of Education.

Keeping in mind there are no great answers as to how we should continue educating our students, we do need to continue to push forward and simply try to do our best. We must also realize the safety and well-being of our staff and community must be our guiding light. Our district recently experienced a scare that had the potential to expose many people to the Coronavirus, and I would be remiss if I did not acknowledge this scare has influenced my thinking moving forward. In an effort to limit exposing our staff and community more than necessary, we have been forced to make some tough decisions in regards to safe educational practices moving forward.

Beginning Monday, March 30 (this date should mark the end of the 10 days of blizzard bag work sent home), Fairfield Union will transition to delivering all education through digital mediums (Google Classroom, Google Hangouts/Meet, email, phone calls, etc...). Students without internet access will need to arrange to go to their closest school parking lot to utilize the Chromebook WiFi to download all materials needed for their classes. Once materials are downloaded, students will be able to complete the work offline and without internet access. Students without internet would be expected to complete the task of visiting a school parking lot once per week. Teachers will make every effort to limit the number of assignments and frequency of assignments being sent to students. Our goal as a district is to keep our students engaged and learning without overwhelming them during this crisis.



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For students and families who do not have internet access and cannot arrange transportation to their closest school, parents or guardians should contact your building principal to arrange for continued educational plans. For students with IEPs, intervention specialists will communicate with families in regards to the continued implementation and distribution of course work. Beginning Sunday, March 29, the district will have blizzard bag collection bins at our four food distribution locations. Students and families are encouraged to turn in blizzard bag materials sent home on March 13 during our food distribution services. If students have already submitted their work to teachers via email or Google Classroom, the students will not need to return the blizzard bag materials.

The Fairfield Union Local School District is committed to protecting the safety and health of our students, families and staff during this critical time. We are hopeful families understand this primary objective as we make decisions about the direction of education in the immediate future. While educating our students is a critical aspect of what we do, the overall safety and well-being of our students and staff will always be our guiding principle.

Respectfully,

Chad Belville
Superintendent