



Fairfield Union Local School District

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To: All Stakeholders
From: Chad Belville, Superintendent
Re: Information for School Closure
Date: March 12, 2020

Dear Falcons:

I would like to begin by thanking you for your patience, understanding, and flexibility as we work through the challenges presented by the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. There could not be a more important or meaningful time to be a Falcon. Together there is nothing our Falcon Family cannot overcome, and this situation will be no different. For the next three weeks, our district will continue to work to maintain essential operations and provide for our students. Our entire staff has been preparing for this scenario for nearly two weeks, so I commend them for having our district ready.

The following guidelines are intended to help answer questions our community may have during this time. The information may not be all inclusive, so please contact our district office at (740) 536-7384 or email Chad Belville at chadbelville@fairfieldunion.org for additional information.

METHODS OF INSTRUCTION FOR STUDENTS

- All students will be issued educational blizzard bags to be completed during our three week school closure.
- All students will be issued a Chromebook to take home to help continue the educational process while we are on break.
- Hard copies of assignments will be issued to students.
- Online resources will be used to enrich assignments given by teachers. Teachers are sharing these resources with students.
- All teachers will be available to students and parents via their school email during regular school hours (see below). All teacher email addresses can be found at www.fairfieldunion.org.
 - Bremen Elementary School – 8:50 am to 3:35 pm
 - Pleasantville Elementary School – 8:50 am to 3:35 pm
 - Rushville Middle School – 7:25 am to 2:45 pm
 - Fairfield Union High School – 7:20 am to 2:39 pm
- Any student absent from school on Friday, March 13 will receive their work upon returning to school on April 6th. Students will have an appropriate amount of time to make up work.



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CONTINUITY OF COMMUNICATIONS

- The district web site (www.fairfieldunion.org) will be a primary source of information for all matters pertaining to the district.
- District office voicemails will continue to be monitored during our closure. Please allow 24-48 hours for a response.
- The District will also utilize Twitter (@FULocalSchools) to help keep our community informed of any changes in our status.
- All teachers and administrators can be reached daily via their school email address.
- Rumors will run rampant during this time. Please do not believe information you hear second-hand in regards to the school district. Check our web page or email Chad Belville (chadbelville@fairfieldunion.org) for any information you may need.

SCHEDULE

- All schools and facilities will be closed at the end of the school day on March 13, 2020. We will not have school on Monday, March 16, 2020.
- As of today (barring any changes from Governor DeWine), Fairfield Union Local Schools will re-open on Monday, April 6, 2020.
- Fairfield Union will be utilizing blizzard bags as one form of making up the days we are missing due to this closure. The district will be receiving guidance from Governor DeWine and the Ohio Department of Education in regards to any additional requirements to make up days.
- The Board of Education will meet on Monday, March 23, 2020 for its regular meeting at 7:00 pm in the District Office. This meeting will be held to ensure the district is able to continue operations during this closure.
- All activities (field trips, athletic practices, academic competitions, etc...) in the district are cancelled during our closure. This means all district facilities are also closed to our students and community from March 13 until April 6.
- *The Sound of Music* has been rescheduled for April 17 and April 18.
- A calendar of all rescheduled activities will be released in the coming days and weeks.
- Students will be expected to have all worked completed and ready to turn in upon returning to school on April 6. Unexpected situations that require an extension of this deadline will be considered by building principals and addressed on a case-by-case situation.



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OPERATIONS

- All fiscal operations of the district will continue as normal.
- If any students experience technical difficulties with their Chromebook or access to online educational platforms, please contact Chad Belville (chadbelville@fairfieldunion.org) or Scott Philabaum (scottphilabaum@fairfieldunion.org) for assistance.
- Our food services staff will be packing all non-perishable items to send home with students on Friday, March 13, 2020. Additionally, the district will reach out to local food pantries to donate perishable food items.
- Local churches and organizations are continuing their efforts to deliver breakfast to go bags to all students on Friday, March 13. We are extremely thankful for their help!
- Any family or students needing food during our closure of our schools are urged to contact the district for assistance.
- Please realize this is not an ideal situation and things will not function perfectly at all times. Our best efforts will be enough to carry us through.
- Additional information will be released in the coming days.

Our community will be in my thoughts and prayers in the coming days. We will all need to work together and show great compassion and flexibility as we venture through the unknown of this pandemic.

Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions or concerns.

Respectfully,

Chad Belville
Superintendent