

August 28, 2020

Greetings Freeport Parents/Guardians,

Thank you for your understanding of our decision to postpone the first day of school to August 31st. We are committed to the health and safety of staff and students and we believe that our decision supports that commitment. We are so looking forward to (finally) starting school on Monday! Here are a few reminders/updates:

On Monday, Students Should Expect...

- Temperatures to be taken at the door of their school/ for bus riders this will be done prior to boarding the bus along with asking if they feel well
- Socially distanced halls and classrooms
- Masks on every student and staff member
- Staggered times for bathroom and water breaks (water bottles will also be provided)
- Increased online learning and training on online programs and chromebook usage
- Smiling staff (behind our mask, but you will see it in our eyes)! We are very excited to start the school year too!

First Day for Students Who Are Not Attending in Person on Monday

PK Remote Learning by Choice Students: Preschool teachers and our new remote learning teacher for preschool students will be communicating with parents to provide information on how remote learning will look. The students will be provided Remote Learning Kits by the end of next week that will include activities and materials to engage students at home. More information is included in a letter from the Pupil Personnel Services department that will arrive via email and/or US Mail.

K-4 Remote Learning by Choice Students: Teachers will be communicating in advance with parents in order to provide information on how to log into the zoom class on the first day of school and the class schedule as well. Students will check Padlet for their assignments.

K-4 Remote students: Our Enrollment Department and principals worked very hard to accommodate requests for remote learning. Due to ongoing requests after the deadline has passed, remote students could potentially end up being taught by a teacher that is not from their home school. This decision will not impact students' home school assignment once we are back to full in- person instruction. Thank you for your understanding.

5th and 6th Grade Remote Students:

- Remote learning students will follow their daily schedule of their home school. For example, if they are a Carl Sandburg student, their remote learning day should begin and end at the start and end time for that building.
- Teachers will be communicating in advance with parents in order to provide important information about the first day of school including how to log into the zoom class and the class schedule.

Freeport Middle School Remote Learning Students:

- Remote learning students will follow their daily schedule of their home school. For example, if they are an FMS student their remote learning day should begin and end at the start and end time for that building.

Freeport High School Remote Learning Students:

- Remote learning students will follow their daily schedule of their home school. For example, if they are an FHS student their remote learning day should begin and end at the start and end time for that building.
- High school students should get in the habit of opening three windows daily: Schoology, Google Calendar, and Google Email and checking all three often throughout the day.

Important Information for Students on the “B” Schedule at Freeport Middle/High Schools

- Students who are on the B schedule should follow the instructions that were given by their homeroom teacher. Homeroom teachers will also contact the students on the “B” schedule on Monday for attendance purposes.

Who Do I Call if I Have Questions or Concerns?

We are your partners in education and teachers and administrators are ready to help work on any concerns you may have as we start back to school this fall. We recommend that Parents/Guardians call their student’s school first. Most questions or concerns can be resolved by communicating with your child’s teacher first and if needed the building principal. Open communication at the school and central office levels create the opportunity to work together to find common ground and solve issues together.

Streaming Video Content at Home

Most people have a phone and one to two more devices connected to wifi at home. When students need to be online during school hours, guardians may need to actively monitor their available home bandwidth to ensure that students are able to complete their studies. This likely means taking devices that are not being used for schoolwork off of the home wifi for a period of time. Thank you in advance for prioritizing your students’ learning and helping them make decisions to take their gaming system and phone off wifi so they can learn.

Chromebooks/Materials for Remote by Choice Students

If you missed your pick up date, call your students’ schools to find out when you can pick up materials for your students. If you are not sure which schools your students are enrolled at, please call the Enrollment Office.

Contactless Online Bill Payment

To pay fees online go to fsd145.org→ Parent Tab→ Electronic Fee Payment

Standard Fees by Grade Band: PK-4 \$50, 5-8 \$75, 9-12 \$100

Fee Waiver Application Directions

Fee waivers can be downloaded from the Enrollment and Transportation web page under Enrollment Documents, or can be picked up from the Enrollment Office. Proof of income must accompany the waiver. If you have questions please contact the Enrollment Center at 815-232-0580 or enrollment@fsd145.org.

Schoology

Schoology will be an important part of student-teacher communication and parents/guardians have access to view their child's assignments, grades, and classwork in Schoology. Parents with new Schoology accounts should have received an email from Schoology with a link to access their students' information. For parents with existing accounts, following the forgot password process described on our website should reset the parent's Schoology password. <https://www.fsd145.org/chromebooks>

Sponsored Internet Opportunity

Freeport School District has partnered with [Comcast to provide Sponsored Internet to families in need](#). Qualifying families can receive a promo code from FSD145 Technology Department that allows them to sign up for Comcast Internet Essentials and have Freeport School District pay for their service. Contact information is provided on the last page.

Transportation

Parents will receive another phone call and email with their student's busing information the day prior to school. The first couple of days of school the buses do run late. We will notify families of any buses running more than 15 minutes late in the morning and 20 minutes late in the afternoon the first week of school. During the school year, we will notify you at 10 minutes in the morning and afternoon.

Uniformity of Dress

For the 20-21 school year, the Board of Education has given their approval to allow students to dress daily using out non-uniform dress policy. Parents who so choose, may still send their students to school in uniforms. Please [click here](#) to see the guidelines for non-uniform dress.

Feedback & Questions

If you have missed our weekly communications to families, you can read them here. [Weekly Community Communications](#)

- Email - You may submit questions to covid-19@fsd145.
- Please also view our website for reopening information. [Back to School Reponse](#)

Please click here to hear my [Opening Message for the 20-21 School Year](#). Continue to stay safe and healthy.

A pandemic and hot weather can't keep our spirits down. We are ready for 2020-21! Go Pretzels!

Dr. Anna Alvarado,
Superintendent of Schools

A Pretzel Welcome to our New District Administrative Staff



**Dr, Julia Cloat
Executive Director
Curriculum & Instruction**

**Dr. Shalonda Randle
Interim Asst. Superintendent
Equity**



Welcome as well to all staff who are new to the FSD Family!

**GRAB-N-GO MEAL ORDERING & PICK-UP
FOR A/B STUDENTS (7-12) AND REMOTE LEARNERS**

**Indicates information that has been added or revised since last week's communication.*

<p>GROUP A (Monday & Thursday) Grades 7-12</p>	<p>GROUP B (Tuesday & Friday) Grades 7-12</p>	<p>REMOTE LEARNING BY CHOICE (5 days/week) Pre-K- 12</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Need food for Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday ● 3 Breakfast and 3 Lunches ● Students/parents pre-order your meals for the following week via google doc order form ● *The first Google sign up begins on Friday, September, 4 - Thursday, September 10. For pick-up on Saturday, September 12. On 8/29 and 9/5 you can pick up meals without pre-ordering ● Saturday Morning Pick up from 9:00 AM – Noon ● The first Saturday pick- up for Grab and Go is on August 29. ● Location: FHS / on Empire St. Entrance Door O 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Need food for Monday, Wednesday and Thursday ● 3 Breakfast and 3 Lunches ● Student / Parents Pre-order meals needed for the upcoming week via a google doc order form ● *The first Google sign up begins on Friday, September, 4 - Thursday, September 10. For pick-up on Saturday, September 12. On 8/29 and 9/5 you can pick up meals without pre-ordering ● Saturday Morning Pick up from 9:00 AM – Noon ● The first Saturday pick- up for Grab and Go is on August 29. ● Location: FHS / on Empire St. Entrance Door O 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Need food for 5 days. ● 5 Breakfasts and 5 Lunches ● Meal pick up once a week on Saturdays at FHS from 9 AM- noon ● Parents who cannot pick up meals will have meals delivered to them by the Transportation Dept. on Saturdays. *This should have been indicated on the form you completed when signing up for Remote Learning. These families will get their first delivery on Saturday, 8/29. * If you are unable to pick up meals on Saturday you may sign up for delivery by contacting Transportation at 815-232-0580. A week's advance notice is required before your first delivery will be scheduled. ● NDS staff members will ride the bus with the driver to pass meals out and complete proper meal counting. ● The first Saturday pick- up for Grab and Go is on August 29. Location: FHS /

		on Empire St. Entrance Door O ● *Remote Learning families do not need to pre-order meals.
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Procedures for Meal Pick Up on Saturdays

Families will enter into FHS staff parking (by practice football field) park in a parking spot, pop their trunk open, place a mask on their face and wait for a NDS staff member to approach their vehicle. NDS staff will then approach the vehicle with a mask on and ask the following questions:

1. What school(s) is (are) your student(s) enrolled?
2. If they answer FMS or FHS, we will verify which group they are in. Group A or Group B.
3. Number of students will be verified, an NDS staff member will radio the kitchen with the quantity needed for both breakfast and lunch with a parking spot number.
4. NDS kitchen staff members will bring out complete reimbursable meals, place it into the car trunk and close it.
5. Meal counting will take place as we verify student information, a Surface tablet will be used for our mobile point of sale meeting ISBE requirements.

INTERNET ESSENTIALS



Internet access has become a much needed service over the last few months and will continue to be into the future.

FSD families may qualify for District sponsored internet service. To determine eligibility and sign-up, please contact our Technology Department at
(815) 232-0569