



September 4, 2020

Greetings Freeport Parents/Guardians,

We are so thankful to be back together as a learning community, whether students are remote or in person! We have learned a lot in this first week back together. Thank you for your patience and feedback as we work through our new normal. The information below is highly focused on tech support needs based on our experience with students this week.

Tech Support

As the first week rolled out, tech issues were to be expected. Our teachers are picking up some tech support skills quickly, so a great option is to ask the teacher for support if the concern is with accessing a specific online tool or meeting. Please always check to make sure that your student is using their district google account to login. Help will remain a phone call away with our FSD145 Tech Team at 815-232-0569 if the issue is related to general login, passwords, or non functional technology.

Common Tech Quick Fixes

Please visit [this LINK](#) to review videos and written instructions for fixing common technical issues from home.

Communication from Teachers K-6

Teachers are primarily communicating using Clever, Padlet and/or Schoology. Each teacher should have communicated with every parent which platforms, to check for daily announcements and work expectations. If you as the parent or guardian have not heard from the remote teacher, please reach out directly to the teacher.

Communication from Teachers 7-12

Teachers are primarily communicating through Schoology to students. Teachers and students also use email and Google calendar to access meeting time information. Guardians can help remote students access their learning by helping them open up four tabs each day in Google Chrome.

1. Schoology (access through managed bookmarks via Clever)
2. Google Email (open google chrome and then open gmail from the Rubiks cube looking icon)
3. Google Calendar (open another Google tab to open up the calendar)
4. Zoom (login using Google at the bottom of the login screen)

Schoology for Guardians

Access to Schoology for parents was emailed two weeks ago. If you missed the email, you can create an account on your own using the email address you registered your student with. 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/Page/2116>

Changing from In-Person to Remote Learning

We have received some requests from guardians to change their status in the first week of school. We expected some changes, but we need a few days to work through the requests. Thank you for your patience

as we try to meet all students' needs. We hope to have everyone settled into their learning environment during the second week of school. Below is the process for transferring from in-person to remote learning.

Families whose students are currently in-person learners or students who are new to the District may elect to change their student's instruction to remote during the 1st Semester of the 2020-2021 School Year.

- Families must contact the Enrollment and Transportation Center to begin this process.
- The Enrollment and Transportation Center will send the parent a link to sign up. Once the sign up is completed within 24 hours we will contact the parent confirming the selection.
- The Enrollment and Transportation Center will make the change in Skyward and inform the school.
- The school will then reach out to the parent to determine Chromebook and material pick up as well as a start date for remote learning.

Comcast Overage Charges are Back

As many Comcast users have noted in the last few weeks, Comcast has reinstated overage charges. Please pay attention to the warnings and work with your students to modify habits. Parents can monitor their home usage through the Xfinity My Account app. This is a time when many households will need to prioritize their wifi use in order to ensure that students have access to wifi for their learning needs without incurring additional charges from Comcast. For example, cell phones on unlimited data plans could come off of the home wifi in order to free up data for students.

Chromebooks/Materials for Remote by Choice Students

Call your students' schools to set up a time when you can pick up materials for them. If you are not sure which schools your students are enrolled at, please call the Enrollment Office at 815/232-0580.

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.

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.

Parent Surveys

Middle School and High School students will be surveyed next week regarding communication for learning during the first week of school. We also have created a parent survey to help us continue to improve and we will be sending this out next week. Your feedback is greatly appreciated as we learn to navigate our different

learning models.

We Need Your Help

It was wonderful to see our students back in the first week of school, whether in person or remotely. Thank you for doing your share in constantly reminding your child/children of the importance of keeping their masks on throughout the school day and why social distancing is an important part of us being able to continue to offer in person learning as an option.

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.

We have seen smiling faces online or in person all week and are grateful to be back together with our FSD families. Thank you parents and guardians for partnering to educate our children together!

Hope you can find time to enjoy your family on Labor Day.

Dr. Anna Alvarado,
Superintendent of Schools

REMOTE LEARNERS AND A/B STUDENTS:

Grab And Go Meal Distribution tomorrow, Saturday, Sept. 5, from 9 am- Noon @ FHS on Empire Street side.

Food Delivery For Remote Learners Who Are Signed Up For This Service.

More details below.Thank you. ↓

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 next Saturday pick- up for Grab and Go is on September 5th. ● 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 next 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. If you indicated the need for drop-off when you registered for remote learning, you are already signed-up. If you are not signed up and 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. ● Saturday, Sept. 5, is the next pick up or drop off day for meals: Location: FHS / on Empire St. Entrance Door O ● If you signed up for food drop off, please make sure someone is home to receive the meals. ● Remote Learning families do not need to pre-order meals.

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