



October 02, 2020

Greetings Freeport Parents/Guardians,

Beautiful autumn colors are beginning to make their appearance and we've had a week of cooler fall temperatures. As temperatures continue to drop we ask that students dress accordingly.

**October is National Principals Month**, with a special focus on the week of October 19-23 as Principal and (AP) Appreciation Week. Our principals and assistant principals have played an important role in creating a smooth back to school transition plan during the pandemic. We commend them for their leadership and their Can Do attitude in keeping their staff focused on doing what is best for students. Please take time this month to acknowledge the work of school administrators and let them know how much they are appreciated. Great Schools have Great Principals!

**Today is National Custodian & Maintenance Workers Appreciation Day!**

On behalf of all of the FSD Family, I say **THANK YOU!** The service our custodians and maintenance workers provide is appreciated now more than ever. A clean and safe environment is essential to the students and employees' well-being.

**Physical & Immunization Requirements**

In an effort to ensure the health and safety of all students and to ensure compliance with state law and Illinois School Code, Freeport School District 145 had established "First Day Exclusion", however the Board eased the first day to October 15, 2020, which is also the State Board of Education deadline. Under Board Policy 7:100, students will not be allowed in school if they don't have the required Illinois physical and current immunizations on file by October 15, 2020. If you are the parent or guardian of a Freeport School District student, please arrange for any required physicals and immunizations with a medical provider as soon as possible.

[Requirements by Grade](#) If you have any questions or require clarification, please contact your child's school nurse, the FSD Enrollment Office, or the FSD Pupil Personnel Department. Remote learners will still be required to meet this requirement if they are participating in any after school activities or upon their return to in-person learning.

**COVID-19 Update**

As a precaution due to a positive student diagnosis a week ago, the FHS soccer team has cancelled practices and workouts for next week. The Stephenson County Health Dept. considers their activities to be low risk exposure and players were contacted to explain that they are to monitor symptoms but do not have to quarantine.

Three students from Carl Sandburg Middle School will be asked to quarantine for 14 days by the health department due to exposure to Covid-19.. None of the students have any symptoms, but as a precaution, we agreed that the decision to quarantine is in everyone's best interest. The students will be able to return to school on October 14.

## **COVID Contact Tracing**

The Stephenson County Health Department takes the lead for all contact tracing, not the schools. Schools are partners in providing information. Please know that if we need to inform parents of a concern, your phone number and contact information will be provided to the Health Department and you will receive a call. It is really important to keep your emergency information current at all times.

## **District or School Closure Communication**

We would like to reiterate that communication regarding district or school closure will come directly from the office of the superintendent. Communication will be delivered through email, phone call, district website and our social media platforms.

## **Heads Up Dates:**

- Wednesday, October 7 - Full Day Teacher Institute Day -- NO SCHOOL
- Monday, October 12 - Columbus Day -- NO SCHOOL
- Friday, October 30 - End of First Quarter Grade Reporting Period

## **Grab and Go Drop Off Meals—Remote Only**

Our District has gone the extra step of providing meal drop off through our transportation department on Saturdays as well as pick up at FHS. However, if a family misses two meal drop offs and fails to come pick up their missed meals from us, we will stop delivery to the residence. Families can sign up again as needed. Please understand that these guidelines are put into place to avoid wasting meals.

### **Contactless Online Bill Payment**

To pay fees online go to [fsd145.org](http://fsd145.org)→ Parent Tab→ Electronic Fee Payment  
Standard Fees by Grade Band: PK-4 \$50, 5-8 \$75, 9-12 \$100

### **3 DAYS LEFT - Fee Waiver Deadline Extended to October 5th**

If you believe you would qualify for a fee waiver for the 2020-21 school year, please do apply. Failure to apply means you will be charged all school fees list above for your students.

### **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](mailto:enrollment@fsd145.org).

### **Tech Support**

Please reach out to the 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.

### **Schoology for Guardians**

Access to Schoology for parents was emailed. 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>

### **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.

### **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](mailto:covid-19@fsd145).
- Please also view our website for reopening information. [Back to School Reponse](#)

Thank you for your continued support and partnership. Please reach out to us with any questions.

*Dr. Anna Alvarado*  
Superintendent of Schools

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

<p>GROUP A (Monday &amp; Thursday) Grades 7-12</p>	<p>GROUP B (Tuesday &amp; Friday) Grades 7-12</p>	<p>REMOTE LEARNING BY CHOICE (5 days/week) Pre-K- 12</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Will receive meals for Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday</li> <li>● 3 Breakfast and 3 Lunches</li> <li>● Saturday Morning Pick up from 9:00 AM – Noon</li> <li>● The next Saturday pick-up for Grab and Go is on October 3.</li> <li>● Location: FHS / on Empire St. Entrance Door O</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Will receive meals for Monday, Wednesday and Thursday</li> <li>● 3 Breakfast and 3 Lunches</li> <li>● Saturday Morning Pick up from 9:00 AM – Noon</li> <li>● The next Saturday pick-up for Grab and Go is on October 3..</li> <li>● Location: FHS / on Empire St. Entrance Door O</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Will receive meals for 5 days.</li> <li>● 5 Breakfasts and 5 Lunches</li> <li>● Meal pick up once a week on Saturdays at FHS from 9 AM-noon</li> <li>● Parents who cannot pick up meals will have the option of having meals delivered to them by the Transportation Dept. on Saturday mornings.</li> <li>● To utilize our meal delivery service, during registration for remote learning you will need to indicate the need for drop-off.</li> <li>● If you are not signed up and are now 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.</li> <li>● NDS staff members will ride the bus with the driver to pass meals out and complete proper meal counting.</li> <li>● October 3, is the next pick up or drop off day for meals: Pick-up Location: FHS / on Empire St. Entrance Door O</li> <li>● If you signed up for food drop off, please make sure someone is home to receive the meals.</li> <li>● If your student is returning back to school and will not be remote learning anymore, meals will not be delivered or passed out to your student on Saturday.</li> </ul>

## **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**