



# FSD145

Freeport School District

January 22, 2021

Dear FSD 145 Staff and Families,

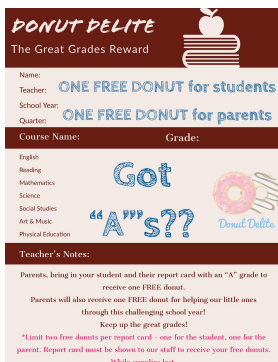
Happy Friday! We have had a great first week of the new semester. On Monday, IL Region 1, which includes Stephenson County was moved to Tier 1, easing some of our prior restrictions. We will continue taking every precaution to protect our buildings, buses, staff and students. Please keep your homes and families safe and well.

## **REMINDER**

**Wednesday, January 27th is a District Institute Day, there will be no school for students.** The Dept. of Curriculum and Instruction is excited to offer a menu of professional learning where staff have the ability to select from various topics that are relevant to the grade level they are teaching. This is a great first step to building a professional development design that is focused on adult learning through collective purpose and meaningful engagement.

## **COVID Vaccinations for Staff**

This week, over 50% of the FSD staff opted to get themselves vaccinated. We want to thank our partners at SCHD for making vaccines available to our employees. The second dose will be administered sometime in February. As we continue to hear that our overall positivity rate is going down, (4.4% in our county as of Jan. 19 and below 6.5% in Region 1) coupled with staff and student rates remaining below the threshold that has been approved by the FSD Board of Education, we will continue to plan for how we can bring more students back for in-person learning should restrictions begin to ease up based upon IDPH guidance.



**DONUT DELITE**  
The Great Grades Reward

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Teacher: **ONE FREE DONUT for students**  
School Year: \_\_\_\_\_  
Quarter: **ONE FREE DONUT for parents**

Course Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

English  
Reading  
Mathematics  
Science  
Social Studies  
Art & Music  
Physical Education

**Got  
"A"'S??**

Donut Delite

Teacher's Notes:

Parents, bring in your student and their report card with an "A" grade to receive one FREE donut.  
Parents will also receive one FREE donut for helping our little ones through this challenging school year!  
Keep up the great grades!  
\*Limit two free donuts per report card - one for the student, one for the parent. Report card must be shown to our staff to receive your free donuts. While supplies last.

## **Donuts for A's**

Under new ownership, Donut Delite would like to offer a sweet & simple reward for students working hard to get good grades in our Freeport community this school year. Please see their [Facebook](#) page for more details.

## **Athletics Update**

The FSD 145 Board of Education was briefed on the new IHSA guidelines which allow many of our high school winter sports to resume practice. There is another IHSA meeting upcoming to provide guidance for the remainder of the year. We hope to have more information regarding upcoming seasons in a couple of weeks.

## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

### **Remote Learning By Choice (RLBC)**

**Families who wish to change their selection to or from RLBC should follow the processes below**

- **In-person to Remote-** Sign up using the [Remote Learning by Choice](#) form.
- **Remote to In-Person-** Contact the ETC at 815-232-0580 or your student's school to request a return to in-person. Return dates are offered every two weeks for the remainder of the school year. Placement depends on openings that take into consideration building capacity, staff availability and our ability to maintain social distancing in classrooms. Elementary students may be offered a spot in a different school building if their home school capacity has been met. This is a temporary solution.

The next deadline to request a return to in-person placement is **01/26/21**. Requests received by this date will begin in-person instruction on **02/01/21**, if capacity in buildings/classrooms allow.

#### **Physical & Immunization Requirements**

If your student is switching from Remote Learning by Choice to In-Person/Hybrid the required physical examination and immunizations must be on file. [Please click here to see for more information on what students require physical exams/immunizations.](#)

## **WEEKLY REMINDERS**

### **IMPORTANT - Notification of Emergency Closings**

In the event schools must be closed due to extreme weather conditions, notification will be sent to families by phone call and text message. **You may still opt in to receive text messages from us by texting Y to 67587.** Notification is also sent to local radio and news stations, posted on our social media sites (Facebook, Twitter), and our website [www.fsd145.org](http://www.fsd145.org). In the event that we have to close school due to inclement weather, all students will follow the full remote learning schedule. The [Remote Learning Quick Guide](#) is available on our website.

### **COVID and Vaccination Updates from the Stephenson County Health Department**

As of 01/22/2021, SCHD has notified us that there are 5 active student and 4 active staff cases in FSD. Information regarding our [COVID statistics](#) can be viewed on our website.

### **Grab-N-Go & Meal Delivery & Pick-up**

For families signed up for **bus delivery** you will receive a delivery tomorrow, January 23rd. Also, tomorrow is the next pick-up date at **Carl Sandburg School** from 10 am - Noon, for Group A / Group B blended students and any remote choice learners who are not on the bus delivery route.

### **Upcoming Important Dates:**

- President's Day Holiday - Monday, February 15, 2021 - District Closed
- 3 Hour School Improvement Day - Wednesday, February 24, 2021 - All students attend remotely
- Spring Break - March 22-26, 2021

## **Feedback & Questions**

If you have missed our weekly communications to families, you can read them here. [Weekly & Special Community Communications](#). Please call your student's schools with any questions or comments.

As we remain persistent and intentional in our efforts towards a strong second semester, we appreciate the support you provide. The partnership of home and school is essential to our student's success. We are grateful for all that you do. Have a wonderful weekend and stay warm, it's going to be a chilly one.

With gratitude,

*Dr. Anna Alvarado*

Superintendent of Schools