



March 26, 2021

Dear FSD 145 Staff and Families,

After a rainy Spring Break, school will resume on Monday. I hope that you all had a restful week! The third quarter ends next Thursday, April 1. We are in the homestretch of the school year and we look forward to a strong fourth quarter. The District will be closed on Friday, April 2, and Monday, April 5, in observance of Easter weekend.

We are excited to announce that nearly 75% of our staff will be vaccinated by mid-April. With the latest news about children ages 16 and older being able to receive the vaccine, please note that these children can only get Pfizer and that is not a vaccine that the SCHD is able to offer. Pfizer still has strict storage issues and it is difficult to manage. The 16 and older vaccine is also only if they have underlying qualifying health conditions at this time.

**Deadline Approaching for Remote or In-Person Transfers**

***All requests to return to in-person instruction or transfer to full remote for the remainder of the 2020-21 school year must be submitted by April 6th, 2021.***

*Families who wish to change their selection to or from RLBC should contact the ETC at 815-232-0580.*

**There will be no more transfer requests or changes for requests to either transfer to in-person or remote learning for the remainder of the year after April 6th.**

**Due to the revised safety guidelines from ISBE and IDPH, we are now able to adjust the 6 feet social distancing to 3 feet in our classrooms. Due to this revision, our learning models for Student Attendance Changes Starting April 19th.**

<b>NOW</b>	<b>Starting April 19th through the end of the 2020-21 School Year</b>
Remote only students	Remain remote only until the end of the school year unless they have indicated on the survey that they wish to return to in person. The survey for remote only families has been extended until Monday, March 29.
In Person PK-6	Continue attending 5 days a week
In Person 7-12	Must attend 4 days a week instead of just 2 days. There will be no A/B day offering beginning April 19. Wednesdays will remain remote.

**The Dept. of Enrollment and Transportation will be reaching out to families of remote learners who are opting to return to in person full time for busing needs and schedule of pick up and/or drop off.**

## **Closing Out Women's History Month**

Women have always played an important role in our nation's history. From fighting for civil rights to advancing the field of science, the contributions of women are recognized every March. As we come to the end of the month, we want to thank parents, staff, and administrators for taking time to recognize the accomplishments of Women in society. Finally, consider these additional resources and activities to share with your children as you celebrate the accomplishments of women. <https://www2.ed.gov/free/features/women-history-month.html>

**Quote for the week:** "It is a fact that when you change a girl's life, you affect her vision of herself and her immediate world and the world that she will have an impact on." **Oprah Winfrey**

## **WEEKLY REMINDERS**

### **COVID Vaccination & Positivity Rate Updates from the Stephenson County Health Department & IDPH**

*Due to Spring Break, this report will resume on April 2nd.*

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

For families signed up for bus delivery your **next delivery date will be Saturday, March 27**. This will also be the next pick-up date at **Carl Sandburg School (lower level parking lot, door O)** 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:**

- **3rd Quarter Ends - April 1, 2021**
- **Special Holidays (Easter Weekend) - Friday, April 2, and Monday April 5, 2021**

### **Feedback & Questions**

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

Have a great weekend and thanks again for being a partner in the FSD Community. You are appreciated!

With gratitude,

*Dr. Anna Alvarado*

Superintendent of Schools