



FALL MOUNTAIN REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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To: Families
From: Lori Landry, Superintendent
Date: March 27, 2020
RE: FMRSD Updates

Recently, Vice President Pence stated on national television Granite State educators are “setting the pace” with regards to remote learning. We have completed our second week of remote learning and teaching. Last week, our teachers were pioneers in the remote learning area and this week we are moving ahead with quality remote instruction for students. Our teachers and paraprofessionals are ready and supporting personalizing learning using digital classroom platforms.

Vice President Pence’s statement could not be more true for our Fall Mountain staff. They are the best and the list does not end with educators and paraprofessionals. Our transportation department and food service department members are supporting our students in new ways - preparing and delivering meals for students they used to see each day, delivering instructional materials or needed classroom supplies to households. Our Informational Technology staff has fielded hundreds of requests for technology support and has offered webinars and virtual workshops for our teachers, parents and students to attend. Our maintenance and custodial department is in our schools doing deep cleaning to ensure our students and staff will have a safe environment to return to.

As Superintendent, I have always known the importance of teamwork and the need to support one another across the district. These last few weeks have highlighted this and repeatedly shown it to be a true statement in our district. We cannot do it alone, but as a team, we are being successful and will continue. Amazing things are happening at Fall Mountain!

REMOTE LEARNING

Governor Sununu made an announcement in his press conference yesterday afternoon that all remote learning has been extended to May 4, 2020. Our administrative team will be meeting to discuss the implications of this announcement and make plans for continued teaching and learning. We will communicate our plans with you as soon as we have them completed.

A MESSAGE FROM SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS

We are proud of all of our teachers, support staff, nurses, counselors, food service, transportation, technology department, custodians, principals and central office staff for



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all working together in planning for remote learning opportunities for our students. We also thank all of the families, parents and students of our unified school district for joining us in the challenging tasks of supporting your child's learning. We are engaging regularly with our staff, students, and families through a variety of communication modes ranging from email, phone calls, Google Meets, Google Classroom, Class DoJo, Facebook updates, School Messenger, among others. Thank you students for rising to the occasion, as well. Together, we can do this!

FOOD SERVICE UPDATES

We have expanded our delivery routes and modified times to accommodate families needs. Please check the District website for times and locations for meal drop-offs.

If you have lost your job, even temporarily, or just had your hours reduced, please complete a new USDA Free and Reduced meals application and return it to the SAU office. This application, if approved, will be good for the remainder of the school year and for the first 30 days of next school year. Applications will be available at all meal drop-off sites or can be emailed upon request. Please contact James Fenn, CFO at jfenn@sau60.org or 835-0006 Ext. 602 if you need a new application and are not picking up meals from our delivery sites.

Our food service director has applied for and received a grant for \$18,000, subject to approval of the board, to help offset the costs of operating our food service program during this shutdown.

FACILITIES

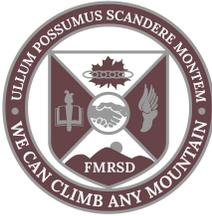
Our maintenance and custodial teams are hard at work scrubbing all District buildings from top to bottom and will complete this task next week. Each classroom is sealed after it is cleaned.

A MESSAGE FROM HEALTH SERVICES

We are thinking of you and your children. We miss our students very much. Please feel free to reach out to us with any health concerns or community resource related questions.

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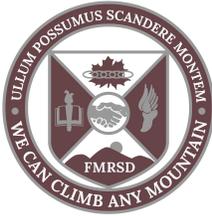
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For COVID-19 information and social services assistance you can dial 211 or go to 211NH.org. Other useful sources of information are: nh.gov/covid19/, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (cdc.gov), and kidshealth.org.

Please remember to take care of yourself so that you can take care of your family. Going outside for a walk everyday can help you stay healthy and positive. Getting enough sleep is important too. Be aware of how you are feeling and tell loved ones if you are not feeling like yourself. Practice what works for you during stressful times and remember to ask for help if you need it. Be patient with yourself and your children. We are all learning together.

A MESSAGE FROM ZANDRA REAGAN, SPECIAL EDUCATION DIRECTOR

I first want to send my hope that your family is healthy and doing well in this state of national emergency. As our district's special educators and related service providers are now working tirelessly to meet each child's individualized learning needs within the parameters of remote instruction, I want to assure you that we are continuously assessing our performance and thinking about the next steps. We recognize that your child's IEP was not written for remote instruction. Our staff is working collaboratively with your child's teacher(s) to provide the required support with various assignments while focusing on the maintenance of targeted skills in their IEPs. Services and supports will likely not be the exact same service delivery model (frequency, duration and location) as listed in your child's IEP. There are many factors that warrant consideration including, but not limited to, the child being at home rather than in the school setting, the efficacy of 'remote' services (video chat, email, phone, consultation



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with parents), technology capabilities/ limitations, availability of support at home from parents/caregivers, and classroom teachers' instructional approach and workload.

While we are trying to lessen the need for IEP team meetings due to our personnel resources being stretched very thin, we are willing and available to conduct IEP meetings remotely. If you are in agreement with the approach we are taking during this time of national emergency, we do not need to hear back from you. But, if you are in disagreement with the services being provided for your child or need additional clarification on how this will all work, we do want to hear from you.

Please contact your child's special education teacher or call our main office at 603-835-0006 x 650 and we can begin the process of scheduling a meeting. While we can not meet in person, we can arrange a remote meeting via telephone or the internet.

Our hope and expectation is that the supports and services being delivered will allow your child to benefit meaningfully from our teachers' remote instruction. That being said, however, I do recognize that we will need to reassess each child's skills at the end of the mandated school closure, determine if any child has lost ground and explore the possibility of remedying such losses.

Thank you for your patience and understanding during this period of uncertainty. I have been especially impressed by the commitment of our schools' staff to ensure the continuation of school services for all our children, along with the support from our families. Thank you, again.