

Parents and Guardians,

3/17/2020

I wanted to take a moment to reach out and provide some guidance on issues regarding our school closure. I was in rural Iowa when news of school closures began to make the news. Information is changing by the hour, and it has been challenging to make concrete decisions regarding our school. As an administrative team, we will continue to share information as it becomes available. Dr. Allen, our superintendent, will take the lead on all communication regarding the school district.

At this time, our district administrative team has been diligently establishing a process to provide food service (breakfast and lunch) to our students in need of them. Dr. Allen will be sending multiple communications later today, explaining the process for picking-up meals at FHHS. The District and school websites will also have pick-up directions posted as food service starts tomorrow, Mar. 18; 9:30 - 11:00 a.m. at FHHS and the Ft. McDowell Education Center.

Additionally, Mrs. Reed has been working with our counselors to compile a list of resources available to our students/guardians and staff during the school closure. It is important to FHUSD that our families know which resources are available and where they can go to get help. The district will post these resources on the district website, and the district Facebook page. Many parents and community members have begun offering their intent to donate to the schools. What makes Fountain Hills special is the generosity of our community, and we encourage those that can help to donate to local food banks and relief organizations. These organizations can process funds, purchase and store food, and distribute these resources to families in need.

Finally, we understand that keeping your children actively engaged in educational activities is difficult. There are numerous online resources available and many activities that families can participate in together to stimulate the mind. As we receive information from the ADE regarding instructional options we can implement, we will work to provide our students with opportunities to finish the year and earn their credits. Our priority is to ensure that our seniors will receive diplomas as the year comes to a close. Many considerations need to be assessed before we

begin instruction and assigning homework and exams. At this time, our school is closed, and we are not assigning homework or exams. We will keep you updated on instruction as we receive additional information from the state.

We understand that the end of the year is a memorable experience for many students with athletics, prom, yearbook parties, award ceremonies, and graduation. At this time, we are unable to predict the status of those events. It is in the best interest of our community that we simply put these events on hold and wait and see how long the school closure lasts. We will monitor information over the next few weeks and keep you updated on the status of these events.

The Arizona Interscholastic Association (AIA) has canceled all competitions until March 30th. With those cancellations, FHUSD has advised our coaches that our athletic teams will not be allowed to practice until further notice. Student clubs and field trips have all been canceled or postponed until further notice as well. Please contact your child's coach or sponsor if you have specific questions.

I am working each day, and I am available by phone or email at any time. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns you have. Please look for additional information from Dr. Allen over the next few days.

Sincerely,

Dr. J
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