



FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To: RASD Parents/Guardians & Students
From: Heather McMahon-Vargas
Date: March 29, 2020
Re: Continuity of Ed. Plan, Meal Distribution, Resource Distribution, Technology
CC: Elker Educators

I hope you and your family healthy. Please be sure to follow the CDC guidelines for aggressive social distancing and hand washing. Below you will find important updates for RASD students and parents.

If you have a question about these updates, please email me at mcmahonheather@rasd.us . If you would prefer to talk in person, I can be reached at 814-773-3146, Monday through Friday between 7:30 am and 12 pm. Also know that administrative voice mails go into our email and we can access them from home.

GENERAL UPDATES:

CONTINUITY OF EDUCATION: RASD is closed through April 6 per Governor Wolfe's order. During this time, please check for important updates at: <https://rasd.us>; the District's FB page, and your email. As "stay at home orders" across Pennsylvania grow, we are doubtful that schools will re-open on April 6. RASD is developing a Continuity of Education Plan to assure that students can continue to earn grades and credits through the 4th quarter of the 2019-2020 school year. When the school closure order is lifted, RASD will re-engage students in face to face instruction in our school buildings.

To prepare for Planned Instruction, RASD will engage in a "slow roll out" the week of March 30. This means, your child's teacher will be in touch by the end of this week, using their instructional platform (Google, Class Dojo, Schoology, Study Island, email, etc.). They will be testing instructional delivery to assure everyone can access the materials and resources. If you do not hear from your child's teacher by Friday, April 3, 2020, please contact your child's principal. Additional information regarding the District's Continuity of Education Plan will be provided to parents on Monday, March 30, 2020.

MEAL DISTRIBUTION: To ensure health, safety and welfare, RASD will be changing the location of meal distribution. Beginning Monday, March 30, 2020, meals will be distributed from the Ridgway Middle and High School Cafeteria and the West End Fire Hall from 8:00 am to 10:00 am on Monday (Monday and Tuesday breakfast and lunch), Wednesday (Wednesday and Thursday breakfast and lunch), and Friday (Friday, Saturday and Sunday breakfast and lunch). The District will not be distributing from FSG. If you need to be added to meal distribution please contact the Nutrition Food manager, Sarah Backus at backussarah@rasd.us

FINAL RESOURCE DEPLOYMENT SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY, MARCH 30, 2020: (If you CANNOT pick up your materials during this time, contact your child's building principal to make an alternative arrangement. There will not be an additional mass resource distribution.):

MIDDLE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS can pick up student locker materials (books and notebooks) from 10:00 am-1:00 pm. These resources may be needed for on-line instruction (More Information Coming Soon). Please pull around to the back of the middle/high school to the cafeteria doors. Please do not get out of your vehicle. Someone will assist you. Complete the following Google reservation form by 10:00 pm tonight to expedite your experience:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdVWCWOIFJYmX4g2_seBU8Uy4Dr0Hh_o4lSb8OttYOPy2j_tUQ/viewform . You may need to hover your mouse over the link, press ctrl and click to follow the link. If it does not work, please copy (cut and paste) the url to your browser and click search.

FSG STUDENTS do not need to pick up materials. On-line instruction will be completed with virtual resources provided. (More Information Coming Soon)

STUDENTS RECEIVING SPECIAL EDUCATION were contacted by their teacher. Please pick up your materials at FSG from 10:00 am - 1:00 pm. Please pull around to the back of the elementary school to the cafeteria doors. Please do not get out of your vehicle. Someone will assist you. If you cannot pick up your resources at the scheduled time, please contact Erica Heindl at heindlerica@rasd.us .

DEVICE DEPLOYMENT: If you indicated a need for a device through the Google survey or the telephone survey, you were/will be contacted. Devices will only be released to parents/guardians after the technology loan agreement is signed. Device deployment will occur at FSG from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. Please pull around to the back of the elementary school to the cafeteria doors. Please do not get out of your vehicle. Someone will assist you.

TECHNOLOGY: The District will be reaching out to families without Internet early this week to make arrangements. After Monday, March 30, 2020, if your circumstances change and your Internet gets shut off or your device breaks, please contact Kimberly Morgan, RASD IT at morgankimberly@rasd.us

LOGGING IN TO DISTRICT CHROME BOOKS/MISC.: Use the adapter provided to plug your Chrome book in, to charge your battery. When you power on the Chrome book, a log in screen will appear first. You will be asked for a user name and password. Middle and high school students should know their user names and passwords. For FSG students, your user name is lastnamefirstname@rasd.us – all lower case and no space. Your password is their lunchcodeabc (that is lunch code abc) – all lower case and no space. If you have trouble with your user name and password, please contact Mrs. Skraba via email at skrabajane@rasd.us

RIDGWAY MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS: If you have turned off your Google classroom notification, please turn it back on. Many of the middle and high school teachers who were previously using Google classroom will continue to use Google classroom during the period of school closure – this will be a smooth transition.

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Resource Links

The RASD Educational Resource Link is <https://bit.ly/rasdsites>

RASD Website – <https://rasd.us>

Thank you for your patience and support during this very challenging time. RASD appreciates it!

Sincerely,
Heather A. McMahon-Vargas
RASD Superintendent