



# FOWLER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 45

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Dear Parents & Guardians,

The health and safety of our students, staff and families are extremely important to us. It's important for parents and guardians to have the latest health and safety procedures and information regarding Coronavirus Disease known as COVID-19. Below are links to state and federal entities as resources for information and updates, related to COVID-19.

Centers for Disease and Control Prevention:

[www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov)

Arizona State Department of Education:

[www.azed.gov](http://www.azed.gov)

Things are changing rapidly, and many school districts have decided to recommend school closures to their Governing Boards. Our school district will close schools from Monday, March 16<sup>th</sup> through Friday, March 27<sup>th</sup>. This decision was made after reviewing recommendations by the Department of Health Services, our Governor and Superintendent of Public Instruction. Ultimately, the decision was made in the best interest of our students, families and staff.

School district personnel will be present at our bus stops tomorrow morning, Monday, March 16, to ensure that parents and students are aware that school is cancelled. If you see school personnel at bus stops, please be aware that we will be out in force to ensure that our students are not left at stops unattended. All school personnel will be wearing either shirts with district logos or their identification badges. Please read below to see that we will also have school personnel at the sites to assist with the delivery of meals later in the morning and early afternoon.

Our food service department has created a plan to provide breakfast and lunch to our students. Meals will be delivered by our transportation department. Our transportation department has come up with a

schedule of delivering breakfast and lunch at bus stops. The schedule is attached. We will monitor the number of students who choose to participate and adjust timeframes if needed. Staff members on each bus will hand out more information with the meals. Anyone under the age of 18 is eligible to participate. The plan is to start delivering meals on Monday, March 16<sup>th</sup>.

On Monday, school principals, assistant principals or health aides will be contacting each parent whose child may have medication in the nurse's office. Parents will determine if it is needed during the next two weeks. Parents will need to come to campus and sign for medication before it is released.

Projects that students may do at home, with little assistance, will be posted on school websites on Monday and Tuesday evening. These will be designated by grade level. Completing these projects are voluntary. Parents, please use any of the projects as you deem appropriate for your children. Thanks to a Physical Education teacher, there will be activities for students to engage in physical activity.

As stated at the beginning of this letter, it is our primary goal to keep everyone in the community safe. It is for this reason that we are ensuring our school administrators and office staff will be available to answer phone calls from 8:00 a.m-10:00 a.m. on Monday, March 16<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, March 17<sup>th</sup>. Administrators will also be available via email throughout the timeframe that schools are closed. For your safety and ours we discourage you from coming into our schools to address your concerns during this time frame. Please use either the phone number for your school office or the email address for your school administrator to communicate with our school personnel. School closure will be evaluated on Friday, March 27<sup>th</sup> to determine if it is in the best interest of our students and staff to open or remain closed.

Respectfully,

Marvene Lobato, Ed.D.

Superintendent