



FREDERIC

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Parents and Guardians,

As outlined in my message on Friday evening, Governor Evers has issued a Statewide School Closure. As of Wednesday, March 18th at 5:00 pm, Frederic Schools and Roots and Branches will be closed to students and the community. Our tentative reopen date is April 6th. We will communicate updated information regarding the closure and our plan for continuity of learning. Our goal is to continue to serve our students. For the most up to date information visit our website fredericsd.org. The situation surrounding COVID-19 is constantly developing and we appreciate your patience as we continue to receive guidance from the county, state and federal levels.

The School District has additional information and has made changes to assist families and staff during this closure. Please read through all of these points.

- 1) **Student Communication regarding COVID-19:** All students were addressed today concerning the upcoming closure as well as some basic information on COVID-19 (otherwise known as the coronavirus.) For more information please visit the CDC, DHS, WHO or Polk county Health Department websites.

K-5 students were shown a Julia Cook video about the “Tricky Bug,” and 6-12 students were shown a simulation video describing social distancing and flattening the curve. All students were reinforced on implementing the “Got Five”- washing hands, coughing into the elbow, avoiding touching your face, social distancing and staying home when you feel sick. All resources shared with students can be found under the COVID-19 resources on our district website fredericsd.org.

- 2) **Remote Learning:** Thank you for your understanding as we navigate this situation. We are currently working to develop a curriculum that can be completed remotely for all grade levels. An essential [questionnaire](#) was sent out via messenger this evening to gather data regarding remote learning, allowing the district to determine what materials need to be provided. Please visit <https://forms.gle/jyMsnpAz4dqaqVob9> to fill out the questionnaire. If you need to update your email or phone number please contact your building office. **It is imperative that we have updated contact information in order to coordinate with parents and guardians during the closure. Email will be used.**
- 3) **Free Meals:** To continue the support of our students, we believe it is extremely important to offer breakfast and lunch to children in the community. In order to assess needs, part of the above mentioned questionnaire will gather information regarding FREE bagged meals (breakfast and lunch). These optional meals will be available starting Monday, March 23rd. These meals will be supplied and delivered free of charge Monday through Friday, utilizing the school bus routes. The meals will be available to all

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children under the age of 18, including non school aged children. In order to receive free meals, please fill out the questionnaire in the link above.

The delivery will be dropped off at your assigned bus stops. Someone must be available to pick up distributed meals at the assigned locations. If you have previously opted out of bus transportation, you are still eligible for this service. Please be sure to fill out the questionnaire with an address for delivery of meals and curriculum.

- 4) **Students' Personal Items:** Students will be informed to clean out all lockers to allow custodial staff the opportunity to sanitize over the break. If your child has prescription medication at school, please plan on picking it up before the close of the day Wednesday, March 18th. Medications will NOT be sent home with children.

In order to best serve your student please complete [the questionnaire](#) by noon on Wednesday 3/18/2020. If you are unable to complete the survey online, please call your building office 715-327-4223 (6th-12th grade office) or 715-327-4221 (Elementary office.)

During these unprecedented times, we want to emphasize the "Got Five" - washing hands, coughing into the elbow, avoiding touching your face, social distancing and staying home when you feel sick. Avoid gatherings. These are the best methods to avoid illness. Please understand this closure is not only to keep students and staff safe, but also to prevent the spread of COVID-19 as seen in other countries around the world.

Thank you for your continued patience as we navigate this difficult time. We appreciate your support and understanding. Be well.

Sincerely,

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