



March 19, 2020

Dear Fremont Re-2 Families-

I hope this information finds you well! By now I hope that you have received the latest update as to school closure. To help mitigate the spread of the COVID-19 virus in Colorado, on Wednesday, March 18, 2020, Colorado Governor Jared Polis ordered that all public and private schools across the state suspend in-person learning from March 23 to April 17.

During the week of March 23 staff will return from spring break to a new remote workplace. School buildings are closed and staff will be working from their home. Below are a few informational points to help everyone understand the new reality of 'school' for our district.

First, the Governor's executive order addresses the suspension of all in-person learning. That means we will not hold class in the traditional manner. Our buildings will be closed, except to staff for deep cleaning.

During the difficult days ahead, one of the frequent questions we anticipate from our community is when will eLearning or remote learning opportunities for students begin. The answer to such a question is significantly complex based on three critical areas: equity of resources, differentiated needs of special populations, and the trauma the various effects of the pandemic may have on individual families and students.

Because the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic is rapidly evolving, many districts are currently considering learning management platforms or remote learning opportunities in response to the pandemic. In Fremont Re-2 we have not consistently and widely utilized online learning management platforms prior to the national outbreak of COVID-19. A rapid deployment is nearly impossible given all the extenuating circumstances.

We will use the week of March 23 for principals and teachers to discuss, over electronic platforms, their ability to connect with students and support parents during our closure. Our goal is to truly connect and support children and families during closure. We will not be requiring school work unless otherwise directed by the Federal government. Senior students and their families will be contacted individually to review their pathway to graduation.

Beginning the week of March 30 and lasting through closure, you can expect to be contacted from your child's teacher or school leader. You may find helpful resources and ideas about educational activities, websites, or ideas for health and wellness fun on your schools website. We are reserving each Monday as a non-contact day so that principals and teachers have the

ability to adjust support as needed. We are available to support you through the closure of school. School personnel can also help to connect you with other local resources of support.

Families with children who have special needs will be contacted by their designated case manager. Please know that we feel confident in our ability to support all children in some manner, however in some circumstances it may be necessary to focus on maintenance of efforts and plan accordingly for compensatory services once schools are allowed to open and resume educational services in a safe manner.

Again, our goal is to keep the connection of human interaction alive and well, albeit electronically and to support families.

Please take care during this unprecedented time in our country's history.

Sincerely, Dr. Brenda Krage, Superintendent