



FAIRFIELD AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Fairfield Area District Family:

It has been one week since the Governor closed public schools across Pennsylvania. I am sharing updates as we continue to meet the challenges facing our community.

My son asked me this week, "Why are we eating supper at the table together every day?" This made me take a moment to think of why he was asking. Then it dawned on me, he was used to eating without both his mom and me at the same table because of school, tutoring, meetings, music lessons and swim practice every day. Maybe this is a similar conversation that is happening in your home with questions that children ask and we don't always have the answers. It was a reminder of the patience, sacrifices, and accommodations made by all of you during steps taken to mitigate the spread of the COVID-19 virus throughout our region.

Our district remains in close contact with the PA Dept. of Education, the PA Dept. of Health, and with the many school districts across our intermediate unit (IU) area; including York, Adams, and Franklin counties. The collaboration has been fantastic as we share resources, ideas, and common challenges. I am both thankful and reminded daily that we have not only an amazing community, but we have great neighbors, too.

Our students' meal program has been offering lunches to eligible families. We hope the families utilize the service that we are providing to them. I'm appreciative of the staff who prepare and provide the lunches for our families.

There are many questions regarding the education of our students. A Frequently Asked Question sheet may be found on the district's website. Please know that we are trying to provide you with all of the answers to your questions. Unfortunately, we do not have all of the answers at this time; we are working with state and federal agencies to find the answers during this unprecedented time.

At this time, we continue to await further direction from the Governor and the PA Dept. of Education. You will receive an update from my office again early next week. At that time, we will share more details and plans either in response to further direction or based on decisions made by our local districts.

As a district, we will continue to meet the challenges with the cooperation of a caring and professional staff, who are supported by a resourceful community. The challenges that you, our kids, and the district face consume my thoughts. Perhaps a rainbow in the storm for our kids will be several more evenings of eating supper together.

Yours in education,
Mr. Michael Adamek,
Superintendent

