



# FAIRFIELD AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Re: Elementary School Update

Dear Students and Parents/Guardians,

I hope everyone is in good health and having quality family time together. I want to provide an update to all Elementary Students and Parents/Guardians. I am sure that you have questions about where we are headed so I wanted to provide some information that will help address the questions and alleviate some concerns.

- **Marking Period 3: When will Marking Period 3 end?**
  - Marking Period 3 will end on Friday, March 27, 2020.
- **Will students have an opportunity to submit missing work for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Marking Period?**
  - Yes, all students will have the opportunity to submit work for Quarter 3 marking period based on what work/tasks the teachers require. Remote learning will begin Monday, March 30 and students will have until Monday, April 13 to complete and submit any makeup work (homework, test, quizzes, etc.) to the teacher.
- **Marking Period 4: When will Marking Period 4 begin?**
  - Marking Period 4 will begin on Monday, March 30, 2020. The teacher will notify you which assignments will be posted for Quarter 3 and Quarter 4.
- **When will online instruction begin?**
  - Online instruction will begin on Monday, March 30, 2020 and tentatively run through Thursday, April 9, 2020. Obviously the end date is pending no further school delays as a result of COVID 19.
  - Assignments can be on a week-to-week basis.
  - Assignments will be given on Monday, March 30 and it is ideal if the task can be submitted by the end of the day on Monday, April 6. This will give the teacher an opportunity to monitor student progress and to add grades to the gradebook. However, all students are granted the timeline of April 13 to submit work.
  - Assignments given on Monday, April 6 will be due at the end of the day on Monday, April 13.
- **Will students need to complete assignments and assessments during the online learning phase of the 4<sup>th</sup> Marking Period?**
  - Yes, some assignments and assessments will count toward Quarter 4 grades, so all students will need to complete the assignments and assessments that are communicated through the online learning platform.
- **What are student expectations for being online during the online learning phase of the 4<sup>th</sup> Marking Period?**
  - Students will receive assignments from their teachers via that teacher's online learning platform and/or other methods that the teacher has previously communicated (ie. packets, books, etc.).
  - Students will be given ample time to complete assignments from when the assignments are generated. One week time should be sufficient, however, students have until April 13 to complete all work assigned.





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- Students will be given multiple assignments at one time and will have the opportunity to work at their pace to complete the assignments.
- Students can work early in the morning, in the middle of the afternoon, or in the evening. It is understood that multiple individuals could need electronic device access in one household. This is a learning curve for everyone. Flexibility and communication will remain paramount. If you have questions, please contact the teacher.
- Teachers will work to chunk assignments to provide guidance to students so teachers can adequately plan and pace the completion of the assigned material throughout a given week.
- Elementary teachers will be available via learning platform and email as follows:  
March 30 through April 3: 10:00 AM-12:00 Noon and 1:30 PM-3:30 PM  
April 6 through April 9: 10:00 AM-12:00 Noon and 1:30 PM-3:30 PM
- **What is happening with field trips for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year?**
  - All field trips for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year have been canceled. This is a district decision based on recommendations from the CDC, PA Department of Health, and PDE.
- **Building Access?**
  - Currently, the district campus remains closed; there is not public access to the school buildings, playgrounds and campus at this time.
- **Testing?**
  - “Last week Secretary of Education Rivera announced the cancelation of all PSSA testing and Keystone exams for the 2019-20 school year, including the PA Alternate System of Assessment, as a result of COVID-19. The PDE intends to submit the requisite waivers to the USDE and is monitoring emerging federal guidance and will pursue appropriate waivers to the fullest extent allowable”. (PASA update on 03-23-2020).
- **Race for Education**
  - PTO and the Administration are in agreement that the Race for Education for the elementary and middle school is canceled. If you have sent a flat donation, it will be returned to you.

More information will be shared when it becomes available. I appreciate your cooperation and continued communication. Stay well and enjoy time at home.

Yours in Education,

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