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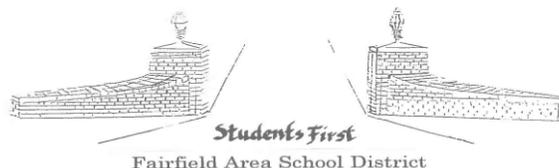
March 25, 2020

Re: Middle School Update

Students and Parents/Guardians,

The following information and details are to provide an update to the Middle School students and parents/guardians. The District understands that many of you have questions and concerns. We want to provide information that will help address questions and alleviate concerns.

- **Quarter 3: When will Quarter 3 end?**
 - Quarter 3 will end on Friday, March 27, 2020.
- **Will students have an opportunity to submit missing assignments for Quarter 3?**
 - Yes, students will have until Monday, April 13 to complete and submit any makeup work (homework, test, quizzes, etc.) to the teacher of record for the Quarter 3 course in which the student was enrolled.
- **Quarter 4: When will Quarter 4 begin?**
 - Quarter 4 will begin on Monday, March 30, 2020.
- **When will online instruction begin?**
 - Online instruction will begin on Monday, March 30, 2020 and tentatively run through and including Wednesday, April 8, 2020. Obviously the end date is pending no further school delays as a result of COVID 19.
 - Assignments will be on a week-to-week basis.
 - Assignments given on Monday, March 30 will be due at the end of the day on Monday, April 6.
 - Assignments given on Monday, April 6 will be due at the end of the day on Monday, April 13. During the week of April 6, teachers will be available Monday, April 6 through and including Wednesday, April 8.
- **Will students need to complete assignments and assessments during the online learning phase of Quarter 4?**
 - Yes, assignments and assessments will count toward the Quarter 4 grade. All students will need to complete the assignments and assessments that are communicated through the appropriate online learning platform.
- **What are student expectations for being online during the online learning phase of Quarter 4?**
 - Students will receive assignments from teachers via their teachers' online learning platform and/or other methods that the teacher has previously communicated (i.e. ... paper packets, etc.).
 - Students will be given one (1) week to complete assignments from when the assignments are received. If assignments are provided on Monday, March 30, students will have until the following Monday, April 6, to complete the assigned work.
 - Students will be given multiple assignments at one time. They will have the opportunity to work at their individual pace to complete the assignments within a week. They may work early in the morning, in the middle of the afternoon, or late at night. It is understood that multiple individuals may need electronic device access in one household. This is a learning curve for every one...flexibility and communication will remain paramount. If you have questions, please ask the instructor in the class.



- Teachers will work to chunk assignments to provide guidance to students so they may adequately plan and pace the completion of the assigned material throughout a given week.
- Students have access to middle school teachers daily, Monday – Friday from 9:00 – 11:00 AM and from 12:30 – 2:30 PM.

- **What is the status of field trips for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year?**
 - All field trips for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year that would normally occur on a school day have been cancelled. This is a difficult decision but should the students return as planned, it is the district’s decision to maximize time in the classroom and to follow current recommendations from the CDC and PA Department of Health.

- **Is there Building/Campus Access?**
 - Currently, the district campus remains closed. There is not public access to the school buildings or campus at this time.

- **Will there be a State assessment this year?**
 - “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)

- **Will the Middle School still have the Race for Education?**
 - The Race for Education has been cancelled for this school year.