

March 17, 2020



Dear Parents/Guardians –

In order to provide you with updated information, we have developed a list of frequently asked questions. These questions/answers may not cover every issue but will provide guidance for the items that we know at this time. We will continue to keep you as up to date as possible.

I am very thankful for the outpouring of support from this community. Together, we will do what we can to keep everyone safe and healthy.

Thank you,

Leslie Estep
Acting Superintendent

QUESTION: Will the days that we are off need to be made up?

ANSWER: We are not yet sure. The Governor announced that we will not be held to the 180 day/900-990 hour rule, but we are unsure if the days that we are off will need to be made up. We will not know this until we are informed by the Governor and the Pennsylvania Department of Education.

QUESTION: Will students be required to complete assignments during the closure?

ANSWER: Because we are unsure if/how the closure days will be made up, there are currently no plans for students to complete additional, "required" work during this closure. We are aware that most school districts are looking at this practice, as everyone is uncertain of our requirements. However, we will work to post some resources that students and families can access to keep their brains fresh during our closure. We will continue to monitor this situation and we will notify everyone if things change.

QUESTION: Will the district provide meals to students during the closure?

ANSWER: Yes – more information will be coming soon about the availability of meals for students and the times/locations where these meals will be available. Meals will be free of charge for ALL students in the district.

QUESTION: Will state testing proceed as scheduled?

ANSWER: At this point, yes. However, we may be notified of adjustments to this schedule.

QUESTION: Are IEP meetings for Special Education students still taking place?

ANSWER: All IEP meetings that were previously scheduled have been cancelled. Generally speaking, all IEP processes are temporarily on hold during this closure.

QUESTION: What about PreK and Kindergarten registrations?

ANSWER: PreK registration (scheduled for March 24-26) has been postponed at this time. Decisions about Kindergarten registration (scheduled for April 9th) have not yet been made.

QUESTION: Will Color Run information be due when we return?

ANSWER: Unfortunately, due to the amount of planning involved and the uncertainty of the state of the Commonwealth, the Color Run for 2020 (scheduled for April 25th) has been cancelled.

QUESTION: Will the musical still take place?

ANSWER: Every attempt will be made to hold the high school musical (Newsies, scheduled for April 3-4). Plans are underway to work on alternative dates if the musical cannot be held on the originally scheduled dates.

QUESTION: Will the closure affect graduation? What about spring sports?

ANSWER: As previously stated, it is difficult to determine exactly what events could be affected as we move into the later spring. It is our intention to continue with as much as we can when and as it is scheduled. However, if we are forced to make changes to any of these events, notifications will be made in advance.

QUESTION: Will the 3rd marking period be extended?

ANSWER: Probably. We will reevaluate the ending of the 3rd marking period once we are sure about our return to session date. Likely, the marking period will be extended at least one to two weeks to allow for staff and students to finish work in progress.

QUESTION: Are students permitted to retrieve items from their lockers?

ANSWER: Not at this time, unless families need to retrieve something that meets a medical need. In this case, you should notify the district.