

Dear Farmington Families, Faculty and Staff,

I am writing to you to express appreciation for your ongoing support, patience and care as we continue to face the closure of schools as well as many other community businesses and organizations of which we rely upon and support. We know that together, we can get through this challenging time and I have no doubt that through Farmington's spirit of care and generosity, we will achieve just that. We will all continue to support and take care of one another in the coming days and weeks as this health issue evolves. Each day, we receive messages offering assistance to our school district and students from community members and various organizations. Our hearts are full when we receive these thoughtful and generous offers of support and we extend our gratitude to the caring members of the Farmington community.

Here are some important updates for **March 17, 2020**:

- We are sending daily updates to families, please make sure to check our website for daily updates.
- We are including updated information about social distancing from the FVHD [here](#).
- Given the guidance from the CDC, DPH and the Governor's office as well as the evolving nature of this health issue, we have shifted our focus to remote learning that provides continuity of educational opportunities.
- We plan to provide more formal **remote learning for the purpose of continuity of educational opportunities at some point next week**. Farmington's remote learning plan is entitled, **FPS Connected Learning (CL)**. Our goal is to have students connected to us, connected to learning and connected to one another. Our outstanding faculty and staff have been partners in ensuring our students have more formal educational continuity through CL. We will provide more information about the schedule and features in the coming days. Please watch for an email from your school principal about FPS Connected Learning.
- This week, we will be sending information on where and when we will initiate **chrome book distribution for families who are in need of chrome books** to implement CL. We are working with internet providers to ensure all students have access.
- The COVID-19 health issue is evolving rapidly. As it evolves, the CSDE and Governor's office are quickly responding. As previously stated, we hope to engage in CL at some point next week. We will consider continuing CL during April break, but no final decisions have been made.

In achieving remote learning by some point next week, **we hope to achieve a mid-June end date and graduation date for the school district.** We appreciate your patience and support as we continue to navigate this evolving and challenging health issue. Once we have more formal continuity of educational opportunities. up and running, we can make a final determination about the last day of school.

- Please check our website for information on meal availability for families in need.

Our lives have changed a great deal in the last week or so. For some, the impact has been significant. For our elderly neighbors, they are more isolated and separated from loved ones and for many others friends and neighbors, this health issue has impacted their livelihood. The impact is far-reaching and these challenging times require us to join together for the greater good. We have been asked to remind our families to ensure that our students are avoiding social gatherings that could ultimately have an impact on the most vulnerable in our community. Our students learn about the importance of their impact on the world within our curriculum beginning in kindergarten and throughout the grade levels. This is at the heart of our Vision of the Graduate. We are currently presented with a real life example of how their impact on our community can help our friends and neighbors have better health outcomes during this evolving health issue.

Please know that we are working diligently to ensure our students receive educational continuity and support as we shift to remote learning through FPS Connected Learning. Please continue to access our FPS Learn@Home webpage to engage in learning together at home. Be well and please know we miss your children and we are looking forward to connecting with students once again throughout FPS Connected Learning!

Best,

Kathleen C. Greider  
Superintendent

*“When I was a boy and I would see scary things in the news, my mother would say to me, “Look for the helpers. You will always find people who are helping.”*

— **Fred Rogers**