

April 1, 2020

FFC8 Families,

We have a couple of big pieces of information to share with you.

### **Governor Polis Announcement on April 1, 2020**

This afternoon, the Governor of Colorado announced that he is extending school closures for normal, in-person instruction through Thursday, April 30. He stated that this decision aligns with the President's stay-at-home guidance issued last weekend. In making this order, Governor Polis again emphasized that it is "highly unlikely" that in-person school activities would resume this school year, but did not extend his order to the end of the school year, indicating he will likely announce similar orders in 30-day increments.

As previously communicated, FFC8 will launch remote learning next Tuesday, April 7. We are committed to providing educational support and meals to our families through the emergency closure, no matter how long that may last. We know schools and teachers are communicating with families this week, to help inform you on how remote learning can look for your student.

The district, schools, and staff are committed to student success and finishing this fourth quarter strong for all of our students. We know this latest announcement may cause some anxiety, but we maintain our commitment to supporting you and our students. Please know that we continue to work closely with the Governor and follow recommendations of state and regional health professionals. As we learn more, we will continue to share updates.

### **Guidelines for Parents and Students during Remote Learning**

As we prepare to launch remote learning in our District, we ask that you take a moment to familiarize yourself and your child with the District's policies and procedures that outline our expectations for digital citizenship. These policies include:

- JS\*, [Student Responsible Use of the Internet and Electronic Communications](#)
- District 8 Acceptable Use Policy (attached)

### **Parents of participating students have the following responsibilities:**

- A. Ensure your child safely engages in online learning opportunities in accordance with the District's digital citizenship policies referenced above.
- B. Ensure all members of your household respect the work of peers and adults participating in remote learning in the District, just as you would as a "visitor" to the classroom in accordance with District policy KI, [Visitors to School](#). This means ensuring that you and other members of your household act in a manner that is not disruptive to the learning environment or otherwise compromises the safety or security of the staff and students participating in remote learning in the District. This is especially important when your child is participating in group activities involving live participation, such as video or conference calls.

### **Students participating in remote learning have the following responsibilities:**

- A. Not record live video conferences.
- B. Not post links to videoconferences on any public website due to the potential for hacking or outside individuals gaining access to students and student information.
- C. Not allow students from outside of our district to join the video conference, including but not limited to nieces/nephews/cousins of the student. (An exception may be made for students whose own siblings are

at home and whom have no other option for supervision in the home during the time in which the video conference takes place.)

- D. Always hang up promptly at the end of a video conference. The teacher will be the last person to hang up and end the conference call. Students should not stay online, continue chatting or turn their cameras back on.
- E. Turn off laptop camera during a video conference. Teachers will halt a video conference until all student cameras are turned off. This is for student privacy and protection.
- F. Using appropriate language and respect other individuals when participating in any teleconference. Students should inform their households when they are on a live video call.

If you have questions regarding the remote learning plan for FFC8 or what you can do to support a successful transition to remote learning in your home, please contact your building principal.

Thank you for your patience and support,

Dr. Keith Owen  
Superintendent