



12:30 p.m.

March 20, 2020

Dear Fayette County Public Schools Families:

We missed having your children at school this week! Our campuses are just too quiet without the laughter and learning that make our jobs worthwhile. We hope you and your family are healthy and have been able to establish routines this week that include time away from social media and news coverage of COVID-19.

During times of uncertainty, I find comfort in the advice Mr. Rogers once shared from his mother to “Look for the helpers. You will always find people who are helping.” Our committed child nutrition and transportation employees are definitely a shining example. Through their efforts, we were able to serve 16,500 meals to children in our community in just the first four days of this week. And next week we are adding more [Bus Bites stops](#) – for a total of 127 stops -- to expand our outreach.

We will continue to provide two free meals a day for anyone under the age of 18, but for added convenience to our families, we will make a single delivery of both meals during the 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. window. We’ve also added Meadowthorpe Elementary as a [pick up site for meals](#), bringing the total number of schools offering this service to 19. This is a walk-up service, so children should come to the front of the school between 11 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to pick up a boxed breakfast and lunch at the same time.

Meal service will not take place between March 30 and April 3 because schools were already scheduled to be closed for spring break.

At this time, we sincerely hope that we will be able to return to campus on April 6. However, we continue to hear warnings from state and national leaders that current closings to slow the spread of COVID-19 may not be enough. If schools are not able to reopen after spring break, meal delivery and pick up service would start again on April 6.

Our teachers have also made contingency plans to be sure your children have what they need to continue learning in case of an extended school closure. Some have developed paper and pencil packets, while others have made videos of instruction or created online modules. You may have already been

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contacted by your child's school to pick up lessons, or received deliveries of chrome books or other learning materials. Please do not worry if you have not been contacted yet. Some schools are mailing materials and other information would not go live online unless it becomes clear that a longer closure is certain.

Every teacher has a different style and each school is working to meet the needs of individual student populations. Specific activities and resources have been developed to address individual goals for students with special needs. Special Education teachers will be providing those for families. Regardless of the delivery method, our commitment to our students and families is high quality, engaging instruction that delivers on our promise to ensure all students achieve at high levels and graduate prepared to excel in a global society.

This is a challenging time for our community, not only because of the many unknowns we face during this rapidly changing situation, but also because the steps being taken to slow the spread of COVID-19 are causing economic hardship for many of our neighbors.

Our [Family Resource and Youth Service Centers](#) are available to help any family with basic necessities. If the school your children attend does not have a FRYSC, please call the center closest to you. If you would like to donate items to others in need, you can also call any of our Family Resource and Youth Service Centers to coordinate.

Please don't hesitate to call our district at 859-381-4100 with questions, concerns or suggestions. You can also find resources at our [www.fcps.net/COVID19](http://www.fcps.net/COVID19) website. In this time of great uncertainty, there is no manual or guidebook; we are responding to the shifting landscape hour-by-hour and day-by-day. But of this I am certain: the people who work for Fayette County Public Schools are among the best in the nation, and we care deeply about your children and your family. The relationships we have built will sustain us through this difficult time, and we will emerge with an even greater resolve to ensure that our children reach their unlimited potential.

Your Partner,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Manny Caulk', written in a cursive style.

Manny Caulk  
Fayette County Public Schools Superintendent