

April 17, 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians,

As you are aware, New York State Governor Andrew Cuomo has extended the closure of all schools in the state until May 15, 2020. As I stated in my last letter dated April 9, 2020, our team of educators have been working diligently to deliver phase II of our continuity of learning plan which began on March 20, 2020. This plan will continue until April 24<sup>th</sup>. We will then begin Phase III of our plan, starting on April 27<sup>th</sup>. We will be sharing the details of this plan with you soon.

Teachers have been using multiple media to communicate with their students, whether it's posting video lessons, Zooming, Seesaw, phone call check ins, or any other creative ways they have used to engage and deliver instruction to all students. As I have attended all grade level meetings this past week, I can truly attest to the fact that our teachers and staff really miss your children and connecting with them each day. Through all of the struggles that we, as a school district community, have undergone together, our children remain the focus of all that we do, and our teachers have consistently demonstrated their commitment to helping in any way they can.

Many of our extracurricular clubs have already met and have plans in the works for activities centered around kindness and helping essential workers and senior citizens. It has been an incredible experience to be a part of these meetings to observe your children's compassion and understanding of those in the greatest need. Congratulations to you as parents!!!!

As a reminder, our grab and go meal program now includes breakfast and lunch and a new flyer was recently posted to all of our websites.

I continue to be amazed with the talents, efforts, compassion and creativity of our staff and the support, flexibility, patience and partnership of you as parents/guardians. I have always known that this community is truly amazing but in times of crisis, we get stronger, come together, and take care of one another.

Thank you for all the emails and feedback that you have been sending my way. Your input is so valuable to us and our discussions have been a pleasure. Once again, I can be reached at [ksottile@fpbsd.org](mailto:ksottile@fpbsd.org). Just send me a phone number in your email and I will promptly call you.

Directives from the State are being updated regularly and we will continue to keep you informed. Thank you once again for your partnership and stay safe and healthy.

Sincerely  
Dr. Kathleen Sottile