



CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 – COVID-19 **Update ~ March 13, 2020**

Dear Parents and Guardians,

After a conference call with the Pennsylvania Secretary of Education, the state is NOT mandating the closure of schools, with the exception of Montgomery County. Despite the hope that we would receive a statewide decision on this issue; the state is leaving the decision of closing schools to the local level.

The decision process for closing our schools will be made with consultation of other local school districts, Emergency Management, and other agencies.

While we do not have any confirmed cases in our district, the **Fannett-Metal School District** is closing from Tuesday, March 17th, until March 27th. Essential staff and administration will report as scheduled. We will continue to pay support staff with the possibility of making up the time. While we do not have any confirmed cases in our district, all scheduled events during that time are being canceled or postponed.

How to Protect You and Your Family:

As a reminder, the single best way to protect yourself and your loved ones is by washing your hands with soap and water for at least twenty seconds several times throughout the day. Other ways to help prevent the spread of the virus include:

- Cover coughs or sneezes with your elbow. Do not use your hands!
- Use a 60% or higher alcohol-based hand sanitizer if soap and water are not available.
- Clean surfaces frequently, including countertops, light switches, cell phones, remotes, and other frequently touched items.
- If you are sick, stay home until you feel better.

Thank you for your understanding, cooperation, and support during this unprecedented situation. There will be follow-up communication throughout the 10 days.

Resources and Information:

For the most up-to-date information about COVID-19, please visit the links below:

<https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/disease/Pages/Coronavirus.aspx>

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>