

5 p.m. Friday, March 20, 2020

All Fayette County Public Schools will remain closed to students until April 20, Superintendent Manny Caulk announced March 20. “While we are disappointed that it will be longer before we see our students again, we absolutely support the governor’s efforts to blunt the spread of COVID-19 and we will do everything we can to support our students, staff, and families,” Caulk said. “As I shared previously, our schools have worked diligently to prepare for such a possibility, and our teachers have developed plans to provide high quality, engaging instruction for students. We will utilize the flexibility wisely provided by the General Assembly and Kentucky Department of Education to deliver ‘Non-Traditional Instruction’ during this two-week period.”

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, the district’s commitment to students and families is high quality, engaging instruction that delivers on the promise to ensure all students achieve at high levels and graduate prepared to excel in a global society.

Families and students will hear directly from schools about their individual expectations. **Families that have not heard anything before April 6 should call the district at (859) 381-4100.**

During this shutdown, all FCPS offices will be closed to the public.

Except for spring break (March 30 through April 3), FCPS will provide free breakfast and lunch weekdays through April 17 for anyone under Food is available for pick-up at 19 schools. 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.

“There is no manual or guidebook for the times we are experiencing. We are responding to the shifting landscape hour-by-hour and day-by-day,” Caulk said. “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 our students, staff, and families. 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.”