



Bulldog Bulletin



Week of December 14th, 2020

Dear Mary Todd families,

As we come to the end of the year, I know many of us will be glad to see 2020 end. This year has challenged us in ways none of us ever imagined. I want to personally thank you, Bulldog Family, for supporting one another through this very difficult year. I look forward to continuing our mission of providing the very best educational experience we can for our Bulldog Scholars.

We are currently planning and preparing for several learning models when we return to school in January. If you have not communicated your preference for either in-person or remote learning to your student's teacher, please make sure you do so before Friday December 18th.

On Monday December 14th, the Fayette County Board of Education voted on moving the start date for next semester from January 4th to the January 7th. [January Start Date](#)

In addition to announcing a new start date, the Fayette County Board of Education unveiled their plan to return to in-person instruction. [FCPS Board of Education News Release](#)

Parent Reminders

As we look to the new year and work towards a return to in-person instruction. I just want to list a few reminders as we close out 2020.

1. Please make sure that you child has a mask that fits properly and please have them practice wearing their mask for extended periods of time.
2. Students should have school supplies for at-home and a set of materials they can leave at school to be prepared for any scenario that may occur.
3. January 7th and 8th we will follow the current NTI-2DL schedule.

Technology Survey

FCPS has released their annual technology survey. If you are able, please take a moment to participate in the voluntary Modern Learning Survey that closes on Friday, December 18. Click this [Survey Link](#)

2020-2021 Spring Registration

We have missed having all our students here on campus and we are excited about being able to offer in-person learning for families who are interested when school starts back in January.

To help us prepare, we need to know whether you want your student(s) to learn remotely or whether you will be sending them back to school in person. It is critical that we have an accurate count so we can develop schedules and

class assignments to best serve both groups of students. The deadline for this decision is December 18th, 2020 as stated above.

COVID-19 Reporting

A new emergency order from the state requires that beginning **Monday, September 28**, all families must report if their child tests positive for COVID-19 within 24 hours of receiving the test results. The district is then required to report numbers of positive cases and numbers of quarantines to the state, regardless of whether we are learning virtually or back on campus.

To make things easier for families, FCPS has established a COVID-19 reporting team to collect all information confidentially and ensure accurate and transparent reporting. If your child tests positive for COVID-19, all you have to do is dial 859-381-FCPS (3277), or email your name and phone number to covid19@fayette.kyschools.us.

The FCPS reporting team will then complete the required process. Please note that the online link is available in multiple languages.

FCPS Assistance

This referral system is for basic needs and social emotional/mental health needs only.

[FCPS Emotional/Mental Health Referral Form](#)

Child Nutrition (Food Service)

Beginning Aug. 26, meal distribution will be similar to the restrictions in place when children are physically in school. This means:

- Only students currently enrolled in Fayette County Public Schools may receive meals. (Previously, the district could feed any child under the age of 18.)
- Meals must run through students' school meal accounts. Qualifying students will receive free meals; others will have to pay. (Previously, meals were free for all.)
- Food can only be distributed for school days. (Previously, FCPS distributed meals for seven days each week.)

Despite these changes, FCPS is committed to serving as many children as possible. In an effort to reach more families, breakfast and lunch will be available at one of 47 sites on Mondays and Wednesdays between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. (Click this link to go to the district page for more information [Child Nutrition/Food Service](#)) This is an increase over the 21 school sites previously open and an expansion of the distribution windows. On Mondays, FCPS will distribute two breakfasts and two lunches. On Wednesdays, the district will distribute three breakfasts and three lunches.

NTI-2DL Information

Here are some links to help you with Non- Traditional Instruction to Differentiated Distance Learning (NTI-2DL):

[Mary Todd NTI/2DL Student Schedule](#)

[Google Classroom Resources](#)

[MTE Virtual Steps for Success](#)

[FCPS NTI/2DL Information and Help Desk Information](#)

Technology Needs

You can always contact your student's teacher and make them aware if you have any technology issues or call

The Student Tech Support line, (859) 381-4410. The tech support line is available from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. weekdays.

Family Resource Center

If your family has any specific needs with: food, clothing, childcare referrals, & shelter. Families can reach me at 859-381-3515 or elizabeth.myers@fayette.kyschools.us.

Another way to stay connected to Mary Todd and the FRC is through the Remind App:

Connecting with Mary Todd FRC on the Remind app is easy.

Text #: 81010

Message: @marytod

Important Dates

Winter Break – December 21, 2020 – January 7, 2021

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