March 17, 2020

Dear Bigfork Families,

Our staff had another great day of planning. We are ready to start virtually learning tomorrow as planned and previously outlined by the building principals.  If you have specific questions regarding learning activities for your child, please review the information posted to our website of contact your child’s individual teacher(s), as they will be responding to email.  We have also added a FAQ page for remote instruction.

<https://www.bigforkschools.org/remote-instruction-faqs>

If your family is currently without internet access, Spectrum has announced its Student Remote Learning Access Plan. This plan will provide families with K-12 students (without a current internet subscription) free internet access for 60 days. Spectrum is not requiring a contract and will provide all hardware needed to set up the internet connection. Please call 1-588-707-7328 if you are interested in inquiring about this service.

Students may also opt to use the school WIFI, from their vehicles to DOWNLOAD and acquire the files needed for their classes.

In an effort to get our students any missing technology, books, supplies, instruments and free/reduced breakfast and lunch meals we will be giving you two options to connect with our buses as well as opening the school for a day.  To assist us in collecting your needs, please fill out the google form on our website. <https://forms.gle/n9Ly2MeDGT45jkEz6>

* On Thursday, March 19, we will be running all afternoon bus routes on the regular times.
* On Friday, March 20, we will be running all morning bus routes on a two hour delayed schedule.
* If you wish to pick up needed supplies, you may do so Thursday, March 19, at the High School Office from 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.  If those times do not work for you, please let us know and we will be happy to arrange something that does.

*Please know we have taken extra precautions to sanitize our buses and materials we plan to deliver.*

Our primary goals are to keep students moving forward on essential learning standards, meet the needs of individual students, and keep the health and safety of our students and staff in mind.  Regardless of what the state may mandate during this situation when it comes to hours needed, credits earned and accreditation standards, Bigfork Schools is working to ensure students have successfully completed current grade level content in order to be successful at the next grade level.  We are exploring every option to ensure that happens.

Sincerely,

Matt Jensen

Superintendent