

Fort Cobb-Broxtton Schools

March 25, 2020

Today, we learned that Oklahoma students will not return to the classroom for the remainder of the current school year, following a vote by the Oklahoma State Board of Education. Instead, school districts, will implement continuous learning plans that will allow students to complete the school year at home. State education and health officials believe this move will help our state fight the spread of COVID-19.

We are sharing this information with you now so you can prepare accordingly for your family. We feel that this change is in the best interest of everyone's health, which is our greatest priority for students, staff, and community. The state board's vote also means that all extracurricular activities and special events will be canceled or postponed as well. As we move closer to the end of what would have been our traditional school year we will be working to develop alternatives to recognize our student's accomplishments.

Fort Cobb Broxtton is developing a plan to ensure your child will continue to have opportunities to learn and grow academically, especially with parental support. Because we are unable to safely reopen our buildings, these lessons and activities will primarily be delivered online for grades 6th – 12th. Grades P-K – 5th will be a combination of computer based programs, that students are currently using, and other resources developed by grade level teachers. For the past several years we have been working to infuse more online curriculum and independent work habits with our middle and high school student's. Elementary students are also familiar with the web based programs that they will be able to use at home and the devices to access them. This experience will undoubtedly give students and teachers an advantage in this transition. Teachers and administration will spend the rest of the week and next week planning for this transition and will share details with your family as soon as they are available.

For students, it likely will be sad and disappointing to receive confirmation that school, as they know it, will not resume this year. Please give them a safe place to express their feelings and to vent about the changes in their life. For our seniors and their parents, we know it is an especially difficult time. We will do everything possible to ensure their efforts are recognized and celebrated in special and unique ways. This is an unfair situation, but please reassure them that it does not diminish their achievements. In fact, it will become one more example of how they demonstrated their strength as a FCB Mustang.

We will be posting resources on our website, and continue to provide free breakfasts and lunches for students under the age of 18. You can find these details and more by visiting www.fcbmustangs.com or calling 405 643-2336 extension #2.

We ask you to please continue to follow CDC advice by: (1) washing your hands regularly; (2) staying at home, if you can; and (3) practicing social distancing of at least six feet from others.

This is an unprecedented situation, and it has required an unprecedented response. I can assure you that our facility and staff can still take care of Fort Cobb Broxton's students. This is a community that sticks together in challenging times, and we know this experience will be no different. As soon as we identify our next steps, we will share them with you.

Please stay safe. As always, we appreciate your support of the Fort Cobb Broxton School District.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kyle Lierle", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Kyle Lierle
Superintendent