



Fairport Harbor Exempted Village School District

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Good Afternoon Skippers,

The Fairport Harbor Exempted Village School District is closely monitoring the COVID-19 situation and is taking direction from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) as well as the Lake County General Health District and the Ohio Department of Health.

On Thursday, March 12, 2020, the Ohio Governor Mike DeWine delivered an edict that K-12 schools throughout the state of Ohio will close for three weeks **at the end of the school day** on Monday, March 16, 2020. This is a preventative measure to slow the community spread of COV-19.

It is very important to remember that children look to adults for guidance on how to react to stressful events. If parents seem overly worried, children's anxiety may rise. Parents should reassure children that health and school officials are working hard to ensure that people throughout the country stay healthy. However, children also need factual, age-appropriate information about the potential seriousness of disease risk and concrete instruction about how to avoid infections and spread of disease. Teaching children positive preventive measures, talking with them about their fears, and giving them a sense of some control over their risk of infection can help reduce anxiety. Please practice good hand-washing and maintain social distancing as suggested by the Health Department and Centers for Disease Control.

We will be in contact with our Skipper Families very shortly with more information regarding how the district will proceed with long term instruction in the coming weeks. Please check your email, Infinite Campus and make sure your Infinite Campus is up to date with contact information. We will be updating our social media and website with timely notifications.

Thank you,

The FHEVS Administrative Team