

# FREEPORT AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT



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Dear Parents and Guardians,

We hope you and your family are staying safe and healthy. As you are all aware, the COVID-19 restrictions implemented by Governor Wolf have placed school districts in the unprecedented situation of school closures until further notice.

Beginning on Monday, March 30, the Freeport Area School District began providing individualized instructional packets, online instruction and related services for all of our students in order to provide continuity of educational services during the school closure. The School District will make a good faith effort to provide your child with a free, appropriate public education (FAPE) during this time.

Students with disabilities have access to online instructional materials and communication with educators through Tele-Interventions, Zoom Meetings, Google Classroom, Schoology, Screencastify, Google Hangout and other technology services.

Related service providers will continue to collaborate and consult with special education teachers, students and parents throughout this process. Services may be provided through online support platforms, tele-interventions or even virtual group instruction. During group services through an online platform, it is not possible to ensure student privacy. During virtual group instruction, student's names and faces may appear on a screen. Further, the virtual group instruction format could provide opportunities for individuals in other students' households to observe the therapy sessions. As a reminder, the District will not share health and educational information with third parties without written parental consent.

This letter serves to notify our families of the District's good faith effort to provide therapies and opportunities for socialization during this unique time. The Freeport Area School District may provide group virtual instruction, when appropriate, unless the District receives written notification of a family's desire to opt out due to privacy concerns. By allowing your child to participate in group virtual instruction you agree and understand that your child may be viewed by others in the course of the delivery of services. If you do not consent, please contact us via email at [burns@freeport.k12.pa.us](mailto:burns@freeport.k12.pa.us) or [dell@freeport.k12.pa.us](mailto:dell@freeport.k12.pa.us).

Thank you for your patience during this challenging time. As additional information becomes available, we will keep you updated. If you have any concerns about your ability to access online programming or virtual services, please contact your child's special education teacher to discuss resources and/or alternatives for the implementation of your child's program. Please feel free to contact us via email at [burns@freeport.k12.pa.us](mailto:burns@freeport.k12.pa.us) or [dell@freeport.k12.pa.us](mailto:dell@freeport.k12.pa.us), or by phone at 724-295-9510 ex. 3003.

Best wishes,  
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