

Hello Families,

Thank to all of our families for either picking up or arranging a pick of all student materials. You are the greatest! Today, the governor confirmed that distance learning will begin March 30 and students will continue to learn from home through May 4. Our current plan is for teachers to return May 1 and May 4, and to welcome students back to the buildings on May 5. If this should change, we will let families know as soon as possible. Because today's materials may only have a week's worth of lessons, some families will be getting Week 2 and Week 3 lessons mailed to your home. Our fantastic paras will be preparing and mailing them tomorrow.

We will do everything we can to answer your questions and help you navigate this unprecedented situation. Our teachers and staff will do everything we can to be flexible and accessible while guiding your child through the distance learning process.

We will continue to provide free breakfast and free lunch for students 18 years and younger and we will continue to offer free childcare for Tier one and Tier two workers. Faribault Public Schools serve all kids and all families regardless of what school they go to. Please contact Amy Harris (amy@nerstrand.charter.k12.mn.us) if you have questions about meals at Nerstrand. If you are needing childcare contact Dana Jans (dana@nerstrand.charter.k12.mn.us).

We know there is a huge learning curve for schools and families as we implement distance learning. We also know that we need to be flexible with students. Our staff has been working incredibly hard to make sure this will be a smooth transition for our students and families. We will be taking attendance every day, engaging students, and working with parents to make this a positive experience for everyone.

We are here for you. Our teachers are confident and ready. The Nerstrand School distance learning plan is ready to go. We care about every single student and family at our school. Stay healthy and we will all get through this! Going forward I will not be doing a daily robocall, unless necessary.

Thank you everyone!!!

Maggie