

FREDERICK PUBLIC SCHOOLS

"Home of the Frederick Bombers"

Office of the Superintendent

Shannon Vanderburg, Superintendent

Dear Parent/Patron,

A teacher work stoppage and suspension of school is set to begin on Monday, April 2nd unless the Legislature and the Governor pass and sign a teacher pay raise/school funding law prior to that date. This work stoppage and school closure is due to the frustration teachers feel with a lack of pay, the extreme shortage of qualified teachers and the lack of operational funds. There have been many efforts made with the Legislature to address these concerns over that past several years. Our hope is that an agreement will be reached by April 1st which would make all of the information in this letter irrelevant.

If there is no agreement, school will be suspended until further notice. Our teachers were surveyed and nearly 75% of our teachers will participate in the work stoppage. We will use our school remind system and Facebook to keep you aware of the current situation. If you do not currently subscribe to the school remind system, please see information on the bottom of this letter. I hope an agreement is reached quickly.

We will have a meeting at Prather Brown Cafeteria at 6 PM on Tuesday, March 27th to discuss any questions you may have about the work stoppage.

- Frederick Schools are on a school hour calendar for the school year. We are required to be in school for 1080 hours. We will meet this requirement. We currently have 5 built in days.
- The Prom on April 6th and Graduation exercises on May 17th will go on as scheduled.
- Students will still be able to graduate, as long as they pass the required classes.
- Extracurricular activities will also be suspended during the work stoppage.
- Meals in the cafeteria will be available for lunch and a take home snack. 11AM to Noon.
- The state does not anticipate changing the testing dates. The testing window ends April 20th for 3-5 grades and April 27th for 6 – 12 grades. There is an ACT on April 3rd and an Alternate test date of April 24th. We have a plan being constructed to test all 3-5 during the week of April 16-20 if applicable.

The Board of Education and Administration understand these are difficult times and decisions. We hope you support our staff and will make your thoughts known to our Legislators.

This is the Remind sign up information for each site:

For HS text @fhsbombers to 81010; For MS text @37efkc to 81010; For ES text @fesbombers to 81010; For PBC text @pratherb to 81010

Sincerely,
Shannon Vanderburg

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