

# Back-to-School LAUNCH Fall 2020



## FRANKENMUTH SCHOOL DISTRICT Where Effort Opens Opportunity

A guide for our parents and community. *The Eagles Way!*



Adele Martin  
Superintendent  
in happier pre-COVID times

I hope you're excited about returning to learning! Yes, there's no shortage of uncertainty, and no doubt, everyone's flexibility will be put to the test at various times, but our **dedicated and talented FSD staff has been preparing diligently to make this school year a great one.**

While our instructional strategies and school schedules may have to change occasionally, we remain anchored in these commitments:

- to share the joy of learning together
- to promote our community's high standards
- to encourage academic achievement
- to treat every person equally and fairly
- to ensure the well-being of all
- to provide choices for students & parents

Our amazing **Class of 2020** didn't let COVID-19 spoil their celebrations. Let's build on their energy and positivity!



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### Did you know eagles have these traits?

- they nurture their young
- they make an all-out commitment before approaching a challenge
- they get stronger storm-by-storm
- they quickly change and begin anew
- they soar to the highest heights

Let's carry **#theEaglesWay** into our new school year!



## Our Back-to-School LAUNCH is Tuesday, Sept. 8 Blended Learning Schedule • PreK - 12

### BLENDING In-Person & Virtual Learning

We'll launch our school year with a **Blended Learning schedule on Tuesday, Sept. 8.** This means our teachers will provide a **combination of In-Person instruction and virtual learning for every grade level.** It's our goal to promote academic progress and social/emotional support throughout the school year in keeping with **the safety protocols and health practices** set forth in the state's Return to School Roadmap and the recommendations of our local health officials.

### We want every Eagle's experience with **BLENDING LEARNING** to be worthwhile.

We learned a lot by surveying and listening to our students, teachers, and parents this past spring. We've now invested in **new lesson-enriching, curriculum-based media resources** which are designed to support the daily instructional strategies provided by our K-12 teachers. Watch for more information about our school day schedule.

As we launch **BLENDING LEARNING** on Tuesday, Sept. 8., please stay flexible. We're preparing for 3 possibilities.



Jill Waliczek  
List Elem. Principal (preK-4)

### Possibility #1 - INTERMITTENT ONLINE LEARNING

"We will be ready if the limited In-Person teaching offered within our Blended Learning model is no longer possible in our classrooms. It's possible health bulletins and Michigan's safety guidelines may not allow teachers and students to be in the same space together. In this case, we will provide appropriate standards-based curriculum ONLINE for every grade level, K-12. We'll provide devices to students who do not have them and work with parents who may need additional support in helping their students learn from home."

### Possibility #2 - REMOTE LEARNING ONLY

"Someday we might be forced to temporarily pause the In-Person instruction in our classrooms for a set time period. In this case, due to changes in health guidelines, we will provide ONLINE LEARNING EXCLUSIVELY for as long as it takes to re-launch our original Blended Learning school schedule. Teachers and students will practice preparing for this possibility in order to be ready if the need arises. We'll also strive to have appropriate support for students and families in place."



Kristen Hecht  
EFR Middle School Principal (5-8)

### Possibility #3 - 100% VIRTUAL LEARNING OPTION

"Although it's hard to imagine NOT having our students, teachers, and coaches together in our schools at all, we must prepare for this possibility. This 100% VIRTUAL LEARNING option allows every K-12 student (with parent approval) the option of enrolling in a 100% virtual learning environment provided by our district. Students may flexibly transition in and out of this option at semester breaks."



JoLynn Clark  
FHS Principal (9-12)

## Soaring together – the sky's the limit!



Cindy Hegenauer - Food Service Director

Well-fed students are better learners. Everyone in FSD strives to feed our students in many positive ways.



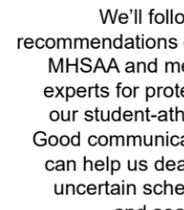
Bruce Hawkins - Technology Director

Our focus on student learning will never change. But this year may require different learning methods and systems. We'll be ready.



Tammy Mativa - Transportation Office

Whatever new guidelines come our way, we're committed to getting our students to and from school safely every school day.



Kevin Schwedler - Athletic Director

We'll follow the recommendations of the MHSAA and medical experts for protecting our student-athletes. Good communications can help us deal with uncertain schedules and seasons.



Dave Campau - Director, Special Ed.

We can't avoid future changes in schedules and instruction. But we'll work closely with staff and parents so every student with special needs has a great year of learning.



Megan Carigan - Community Education Director

Our community's singers, instrumentalists, and actors will still have opportunities to perform in-person and online.



Mike Fresorger - Custodial Supr. • Phil Martin - Finance Dir./ Asst. HS Principal

We're upgrading building security, improving infrastructure, and adding flexibility to our learning spaces. (*Thank you, community!*)



## We appreciate EVERYONE who assisted with our planning:

- Our teachers, support staff, parents and students
- Our community and state public health experts
- Our school district neighbors and the Saginaw ISD
- The MI Safe Start and Return to School Roadmap
- The insights from our recent FSD Parent & Staff Surveys

**SIGN UP TO STAY IN THE LOOP! Help us communicate with you quickly. Thanks!**

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