



OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Wednesday, June 17, 2020

Dear YCSD Families & Staff,

I hope you are enjoying the official start of summer break! After one of the most challenging years I have ever experienced as an educator and leader, I encourage everyone to relax, recharge and enjoy time with family.

Please also join me in thanking our staff, partners at the York-Poquoson Sheriff’s Office, York County Fire & Life Safety, and our entire community for the amazing graduation ceremonies held last week to honor our Class of 2020.

Below are a few updates regarding our ongoing work. Have a wonderful summer.

Summer Reading Program

The division is encouraging all students to participate in our *Imagination Vacation* optional summer reading program and select books of their choosing to **read for pleasure** this summer. Reading is the most important life-long skill that we can help our children learn and practice. We believe that the best way to help students maintain and practice their reading skills is by helping them develop a love for reading. More than 90% of students share they are more likely to finish a book they have chosen themselves.

Summer Meals Program

The division has received approval to continue serving meals to students in need throughout the summer months. Magruder Elementary, Tabb High and York High will continue to serve as serving locations Mondays and Thursdays. However, serving hours have been adjusted to 10 a.m. through Noon. Meal delivery is also available to those already signed up and can be requested for those unable to pick up meals at a serving location. Questions about the Meals Program can be directed to meals@ycsd.york.va.us or 757-898-0468.

2020-21 School Year Planning

Monday night, Dr. Jim Carroll, chief operations officer, provided the School Board with an update on planning for the 2020-21 school year. Staff are currently developing the Health Plan and Instructional Plan, which must be submitted to the state, to open schools and campuses for any student activities. As the re-opening team moves forward with planning, stakeholder sentiments will be gathered through a brief online survey scheduled for release early next week. While our intention has been to release a draft of our re-opening plan by the end of June, that timeline may be adjusted based on the survey feedback.

Grafton Complex Update

Construction and restoration are ongoing at the Grafton School Complex. Components of the new electrical panel which were delayed due to COVID-19 are now in place, with testing of circuit panels scheduled for this week. The air-conditioning renovation in the middle school and the high school band room are well underway with an anticipated completion date in mid-August.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Victor D. Shandor". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Victor" being the most prominent.

Victor Shandor, Ed.D.
Division Superintendent

