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Hello Cotopaxi Families and Community,



Weekly Update: Although the flow of information from state and local agencies have begun to slow down a bit but there will no doubt be more changes to come. Guidance continues to evolve for: summer return to play activities, summer instructional options, and return to school recommendations. We cannot express how appreciative we are for all of your patience and understanding as we gather all this information and wait for the updates.

Budget Forecast: We are currently working closely with all organizations to determine budget predictions and the cuts that will impact our school. At this time, we have prepared for a 15% reduction in the State's funding. There are still many uncertainties centered around the Federal Stimulus money and the associated requirements for receiving those dollars as well as how local property taxes are going to impact our final school budget. CDE is hoping to have guidance to us in the next few weeks so districts can prepare for the allowances as well as the numerous restrictions from each different funding source.

Summer Meal Information: *Important Update-Please Review*. Loaves and Fishes **will not** be distributing food as originally scheduled, they are now going to assist My Neighbor's Cupboard with their monthly delivery. We did send a quick 'all call' announcing that change. If you were able to make the Saturday, June 13th distribution, My Neighbor's Cupboard provided each family with large amounts of food to include frozen meats, fruits, vegetables, nuts, juice, milk and bread. It was amazing to see the amount of food given out. Please join us for the next distribution scheduled for **Saturday, July 11, 2020**. It is important for everyone to take advantage of these food deliveries otherwise they potentially lose future quantities, so please mark your calendar and come get some food boxes on July 11th. The flyer has not been sent out yet, however, we will post it on our website as soon as it is available. As always, additional information can be found on our website and within the designated links.

- **Fremont Canon City School Food Program:** Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday ****All Students 18 and under only**
- **My Neighbors Pantry:** July 11, 2020 from 10am to 12pm ****They cannot start distributions until 10am, so please be aware if you arrive early, you will have to wait until 10am.**

A Return to School Next Fall: A final reminder to share your feedback as the Colorado Department of Education works closely with the State Health officials and the Governor's office on preparation for returning to school. The following link is active for this purpose: [feedback planning framework](#). Our goal is to return to in-person instruction in August. We are developing systems to adhere to the new guidelines that will be issued with the potential of some online/remote instruction as needed. As mentioned last week, the "cohort management" structure continues to guide many of the conversations this past week. All school districts are dedicated to providing the best options for their community while ensuring a safe environment for all individuals. This means, that many different options are possible all across the State. Although we do not have additional information at this time for our exact design, we are working together to create those various pathways.

Feedback request - upcoming Survey: Mr. Eckelberry has been working on a survey that will be sent out shortly to gain your feedback which is critical to our developing designs for the return to school. This information will help guide our local decisions when reflecting on our remote options, future goals, access, preferences and student/community needs. Please stay tuned for that document which will be arriving by email. We will post the link on our website as well for those that wish to access it in that manner.

Resources: Our website and Facebook page will continue to be updated over the summer as we continue to push out and post important updates and information when they are available. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us at dvanesselstine@cotopaxire3.org or keckelberry@cotopaxire3.org.

I hope you continue to find these updates valuable and feel free to let me know if you would like specific updates included.

Have a wonderful weekend and again, Happy Father's Day!

Danielle Van Esselstine, Superintendent