



BOARD BRIEFS

A summary of the emergency Fargo School Board meeting of March 17, 2020

- Administration provided an update to Board members regarding the school closure and plans being made due to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19). Dr. Gandhi, Dr. Grosz, Doug Andring and Jackie Gapp shared about work on plans being made in case a long-term school closure is necessary and online or distance learning is needed for students, the distribution of meals to students during the time of closure, and impacts on contracted services. The school calendar and state law were reviewed, noting that if no further days are waived by the ND Governor online learning would need to be offered by April 2 in order for the district not to be required to make up the time missed.
- Board members approved administration creating a plan of alternative learning for students to submit to the state for possible use during school closures caused by COVID-19, which may possibly waive the 175-student contact day requirement included in EL-14: District Calendar. Administration will continue to work on plans and provide updates to the Board and community once ready.
- The Board authorized administration to continue to pay all staff their regularly scheduled days or hours during the 2019-2020 school year due to COVID-19 related closure and not require the use of leave during this time.
- The Board canceled the regular Board meeting scheduled for March 24 in light of the overall impact of COVID-19 and the work administration needs to complete. The Board is statutorily required to meet at least once per month. Special meetings will be scheduled as needed going forward for any COVID-19 related needs.