Q: Why are we starting in distance learning?
   A: At the July 14, Special Board Meeting, the Board voted (4-1) to begin the 2020-21 school year in a full Distance Learning model, following the motion below:

   (1) Approve starting the 2020-21 school year in distance learning; (2) Authorize the AM/PM model in grades K-5 as soon as it is safe to transition; (3) Authorize the AB Model for grades 6-12 as soon as it is safe to transition; and (4) Allow limited in-person education for those in special education, English learning, and other similar categories during the distance learning phase to the degree it is safely possible.

   On July 15, the Governor issued an order for all school districts in counties under the “watch list” to begin the 2020-21 school year in a full Distance Learning model. Criteria for reopening schools include:

   ● FCUSD can consider a return to in-person instruction once Sacramento County has been off of the monitoring list for 14 consecutive days (not in our control)
   ● The other factor (not in our control) is the ability for some sort of surveillance testing of staff. At this point, that is not possible. Sacramento County is still at a point of response testing - and often only when symptomatic.
   ● When the above 2 items are achieved, we can consider a return to some level of in-person instruction in collaboration with Sac County Public Health.

   For details on the California Department of Public Health framework for reopening schools, please visit: This link here

Q: What is InfoSnap and why is it important?
   A: InfoSnap is also called Parent Portal. Every year parents need to go to their Parent Portal to register their student. By doing this, it gives us updated information that our system needs. After May, the Parent Portal closes and you must go through the main website https://www.fcusd.org/infosnap. You will need to get a 15 digit code which you can get from our records clerk Sheila Johnson, SJohnson@fcusd.org

Q: What is the daily schedule for distance learning?
   A: A distance learning bell schedule was approved at the August 3 Special Board meeting. The schedule can be viewed by clicking here.

Q: Will my student get textbooks, and how will they be issued with distance learning?
   A: Textbooks will be distributed August 5-7 during a drive-up service. The times each day will be from 9:00am-11:00am and 12:00pm-2:00pm. In addition to textbooks, each student will also need to check out a Chromebook. If you have a Folsom Cordova issued chromebook or device, please bring it with you on August 5-7. We will ensure you have the most up to date model and officially check it out to you as a textbook. Additionally, if you have any overdue textbooks or library books from last year, please
return those when you come. Please note: registration, including InfoSnap must be completed in order to receive materials. If those two items are not complete, we will ask you to complete that prior to checking out materials.

6th grade: August 5
7th grade: August 6
8th grade: August 7
9:00am-11:00am AND 12:00pm-2:00pm each day

Q: My student needs a chromebook, how can I get one?
A: EVERY student will receive a Chromebook and it will be checked out as if it were a textbook. If you already have a FCUSD issued device, please bring it with you to the textbook distribution days on August 5-7. We will make sure you have the most up to date mode.

Q: Will there be grades?
A: Yes

Q: Where can I look to see my student's grades?
A: Yes, grades will be posted in PowerSchool via the parent and student portal. We will no longer be using Managebac for grades. Teachers will continue using IB MYP rubrics to assign a score and then we will input the IB score (1-8) into PowerSchool as a percent.

Q: Are there supports for parents to help with distance learning?
A: Yes, we are working on a series of tutorial videos and resources for parents and families to help support your student with distance learning. Some of the topics will be how to use Google Classroom and how to check grades. Visit our website often for updates.

Q: How will Distance Learning impact the IB Programme?
A: Mitchell will continue to be an authorized International Baccalaureate World School. The IB has provided us with guidelines and supports to help us implement the program amidst these challenging circumstances. Teachers are working together in collaborative teams to provide targeted instruction with a holistic approach. We will continue to recognize student achievement each month and look forward to our student embodying the learner profile in new ways.

Q: Will zero period still be offered?
A: Yes, students who indicated they would like to participate in the Full MYP Pathway last spring have been scheduled for a zero period. If your student is enrolled in the Full MYP Pathway your family received an email update in May.

Q: How often will parents receive updates?
A: The district will send all parents updates as needed. Here at Mitchell, we will continue to update our website regularly and periodically send voicemails, emails,and text messages. We also create a Week at a Glance newsletter each week. You can access the Week at a Glance here.

Q: Will my student be able to check out library books during distance learning?
A: Yes, once we complete the textbook distribution, our library staff will be working on a system to request library books to be checked out. We will then offer a drive-up service to collect and distribute books. There are also a variety of free online book services.
Q: My child is withdrawn and/or unwilling to engage with Distance Learning. What should I do?
A: Please first reach out to your student’s teacher(s) via email or voicemail. Each teacher will have a Microsoft Teams phone number and voicemail box. In addition, we have a full-time Academic Coach who is here to support. Her name is Ms. Suzanne Borth (sborth@fcusd.org). We also have two full time counselors and a full time MFT to help support students. FCUSD Social Emotional Learning team has adopted the 3R’s, Relationship, Routines, and Resilience to help students cope with the loneliness and need for perseverance during Distance Learning. You can find some resources at their webpage SEL at a Distance.

Q: Will my child have the opportunity for daily meals?
A: Yes, meals will be served daily in a drive-up service.

Q: There is a problem with my schedule. How can I fix it?
A: Click here.