



Forbes Road Career & Technology Center

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Dear Parents & Guardians:

At Forbes Road CTC, we are hoping that during the school closure you and your families have stayed safe and healthy and have found ways to make the most of your time. We understand that there are numerous questions and concerns regarding your student's education, but at the same time we must continue to keep the safety and welfare of everyone at the forefront so that we can hopefully soon return to as normal of operations as possible.

Yesterday, Governor Wolf extended the closing of all schools through April 6, 2020. At that time, there will be a re-evaluation to see if the extended school closing could be prolonged further, depending on the status of the COVID-19 pandemic. Forbes Road CTC is planning on providing continuity of education beginning Monday, March 30, 2020. We are hoping to provide opportunities for students to engage in learning while at home with the understanding that parents may not have the time or resources to support their children throughout this process. Our teachers and staff will share learning opportunities, provide feedback and support using a variety of tools. Most of our instructors will utilize Canvas, which will utilize a mix of blended and virtual education.

You have previously received a packet of work from your instructors that will now serve as the beginning of this alternate instruction. This packet can also be accessed on our website. Continue to monitor our website for continual updates.

We understand that this unprecedented time has created a lot of stress and anxiety for everyone as they try to adapt to a lot of uncertainties. We want to be supportive in working with you and your child to provide for their learning during this closure. Your student's instructors are working to learn new programs for educating and methods of communicating with you and your child during this time. Your patience and support throughout this time is greatly appreciated and will help us greatly during this transition.

We recognize that no two students learn the exact way and this method of instruction may not suit all learners. However, state and school officials all agree that we cannot hold off any longer in providing some education to our students. So, we are asking for flexibility, understanding and your continued support in this endeavor. For any students who qualify for specially designed instruction, support staff will be available for assistance. Our Special Populations Coordinator, Suzanne Kuban can be reached at (412) 373-8100 x 274 or suzannek@forbesroad.com.

If you have questions, please email your child's instructor or principal. Email is the best means of communication, although voicemail can be accessed if you need to call them instead. Please continue to be safe.

Educationally Yours,

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