DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
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AMERICAS SOUTHEAST DISTRICT
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Good Afternoon Ft Jackson Community,

We are committed to keep you informed and continue to share what we know during the COVID event and provide weekly news/updates. We are moving our weekly updates to each Thursday beginning next week. This will give parents/students an opportunity to ask questions prior to the weekend. Our schools are standing by and ready to answer your questions and provide additional support as needed.

District News and Updates:

- At this time, all school buildings will remain closed next week (March 31-April 3). Although the buildings are closed, students will continue participating in school through the digital learning platform. You can access the digital learning platform through your school's web site.

- If your child needs additional support, help with homework or 1:1 tutorial sessions, please go to www.tutor.com/military. This is a free service provided to military-connected students and paid for by the Department of Defense and Coast Guard Mutual Assistance. Tutor.com provides individualized, on-demand academic support online 24/7/361 at the elementary, middle and high school grades.

- We are taking care of children from 0-18 years by providing meals Monday through Friday through our student meals program. Since Monday, March 23, we have served more than 1,129 meals. For specific information about your local student meals program, visit your local school website and click on Student Meal Programs.

- To focus on continuity of instruction and so that assessments can be focused on providing individual student support, the Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA) has decided to cancel the College and Career Ready Standards (CCRS) Summative Assessments and Alternate Assessments this spring 2020. For more information to include FAQs, visit https//www.dodea.edu/ assessments/.

- We are continually working with your local command and health officials to ensure we have facts about the ongoing COVID-19 situation and to collaborate on decisions to support the public during the pandemic.

- If your child needs a laptop to access the digital learning, please contact your school to schedule a pickup time. Currently, we have issued 161 laptops to children from Ft Jackson DoDEA schools.

- Report cards will be mailed to parents on April 3, 2020.

It is our commitment to provide support services, social virtual interactions between teachers and students, spirit days, and continuity in education. Timely updates will be provided to parents via our website, Facebook and DoDEA Notification System. Thank you for your support!

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