



Dear District 66 Community:

During these highly unusual times, given the current global pandemic, everyone at District 66 is determined to create an environment of continued learning and stability for our students. Clearly, our challenge is that our environment is now a virtual one.

As you are probably aware, the Governor has issued, effective Saturday at 5 p.m., a Stay at Home order for the entire State. This will continue through April 7th. As a result, only essential staff members will have physical access to our schools. However, all of us will be working, so please communicate by email.

Currently, the plan is for school to resume, tentatively, on April 8th. We want to remain connected and communicative during this time period and pledge that we will continue to do the following:

- **Provide food support for district families in need.** Bag lunches will be available for any district family in need weekdays through April 7th. If anyone needs food assistance, please contact Diana Goldstein at dgoldstein@ccsd66.org. For planning purposes, we will need at least one day's notice in order to have enough lunches available, so please make sure to contact Diana ahead of time. Lunches can be picked up at Prairieview School from 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. each day. If you are unable to pick up meals, communicate this in your email to Diana. We will deliver lunches to families who are not able to pick up.

Other local resources include:

- Northern Illinois Food Bank - [click here](#) to search
 - Catholic Charities - 630-495-8008 (Se Habla Español)
 - Hope House Emergency Shelter - 800-941-8681
 - DuPage County Basic Needs - 630-407-6500 (Se Habla Español)
 - PADS of DuPage - 630-682-3846 (Se Habla Español)
- **Keep learning moving forward.** All of our teachers have made contact with their students and will continue setting up e-Learning opportunities. We don't want students to feel overwhelmed by the work; however, we do want students to commit to keeping up with their lessons and e-Learning opportunities.

This week teachers have been collaborating and adjusting eLearning planning. They will be available to students and parents each day from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

- The State Board of Education has stated that student work completed during the statewide school closure March 17 - April 7 must not affect student grades. Our staff is committed to keeping student learning moving forward and building a foundation for future lessons and assessments. Just as in a typical school day, students will be engaged in learning activities that are not letter graded. That is because we know that students benefit from regular practice and feedback and that students' skills will decrease if not regularly practiced. Therefore, it is important that all students stay as committed as possible to completing assignments that teachers have shared.

- **Provide reassurance.** This is an anxiety-provoking time for everyone, in particular those students who are most vulnerable. As a reminder, principals emailed families the following information on social-emotional resources for each of the schools: [Elizabeth Ide](#), [Prairieview](#), and [Lakeview](#).
- **Communicate regularly.** Remember that district updates that are sent out can be found at www.ccsd66.org. Staff members can be contacted directly by email. You also may email your building principals (for Elizabeth Ide email srhoads@ccsd66.org, for Prairieview email mpagel@ccsd66.org, for Lakeview Jr. High email pwindsor@ccsd66.org).

We continue to appreciate your flexibility and patience during this challenging time. Please remember to practice social-distancing, good hygiene, and strategies that will keep you emotionally healthy.

Sincerely,

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