



D66 Update for March 31, 2020

Dear District 66 Community:

As spring break continues, this is not what any of us anticipated. Everyone has been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Thank you for the support, flexibility, and patience as we all navigate this crisis together.

We want to provide as much information as we can with what we know now, so we can together prepare for the weeks ahead:

- **School Schedule:** While we anticipated returning to school on April 8, that seems unlikely. We have plans in place to extend remote learning, and are prepared to do so. When we get the final word from Governor Pritzker, we are ready to implement.
- **Continuing our Learning:** We received guidance from the Governor & the Illinois State Board of Education last Friday afternoon. We have been reviewing this guidance, which includes remote learning expectations (i.e., grading, attendance, schedule length, etc.).

We are prepared to have educators continue to keep learning and student achievement moving forward after spring break. Please watch for additional information coming from your principals.

Please remember, district-provided electronic devices are subject to the same [Acceptable Use Policy and Guidelines](#) during remote learning. Please monitor your child's use of these devices to ensure adherence to district policies.

- **Continuing Meals for those in Need:** During spring break, District 66 will continue to provide student lunches for any district family in need. The schedule will continue until we return to school. If you need food assistance, please contact Diana Goldstein at dgoldstein@ccsd66.org. After contacting Diana, lunch pickup will be available each weekday at Prairieview School between 11:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. 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.
- **Staying Healthy.** During these stressful times, it's helpful to separate fact from fiction; please [click here](#) to see new information from the Federal Emergency Management Association and [click here](#) for information from the Centers for Disease Control. In addition to your physical health, please take care of your mental health as well; please see our resources here: [Elizabeth Ide](#), [Prairieview](#), [Lakeview](#).
- **Staying Connected:** District 66 continues to come together online. You can find links to our Facebook page [here](#) and see what's happening on Twitter [here](#).

In the weeks ahead, please know that we are committed to continuing learning and meeting the nutritional requirements of any student who needs a free lunch. We will continue to update our page at <http://www.ccsd66.org/> with all messages and important information. In the meantime,

please follow the guidelines to keep you and your family healthy and safe.

We know that you likely have many questions and that many unknowns remain. What we do know, however, is that we will continue to stay positive and support one another through this difficult time in our world's history.

Thank you,

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