

Dear District 95 Families,

Please accept my heartfelt thank you for your patience, understanding, and trust! Today for the first time, we rolled out an eLearning experience for all students! Because of the incredible work of our District 95 staff and a high level of family/student involvement, we were successful in extending student learning during our school closure. I believe it is clear that District 95 is serving as a model for others!

While the State of Illinois and the Illinois State Board of Education continue to provide new mandates/expectations almost daily, we have reviewed our plan to ensure it meets the state's current expectation of continuing the learning of all students served by the district. **Based on the guidance of ISBE to extend learning for all students during this closure, District 95 students will continue to participate in eLearning experiences**. All expectations for eLearning will continue as previously stated with the following adjustments of attendance monitoring and IEP requirements.

EXTENDED LEARNING

As of March 17th, 2020, all schools in Illinois will implement Act of God days through March 30, 2020. An Act of God day is used for a condition beyond the control of the district that poses a hazardous threat to the health and safety of the students. <u>We will continue with our eLearning plan as a means of providing extended learning for our students.</u>

ATTENDANCE

We want to check in with families each day to understand any information our students may be missing as well as to provide a daily well-being check. We will continue with attendance practices that were shared in the eLearning plan. Our goal is to continue to care for students through this process.

SPRING BREAK BUILDING CLOSURES

All of our schools will be closed to staff and community during Spring Break, Monday, March 23 – Sunday, March 29th. During this time we will perform additional deep cleaning and disinfecting of all of our facilities. NO ONE will be allowed to enter our buildings during this time except cleaning crews to ensure that we have the most thorough cleaning possible.

IEP MEETINGS

As part of our plan to extend student learning with eLearning opportunities, we will continue to hold annual review meetings as scheduled. We will be using the video and teleconference app Google Meet. The link for the Google Meet app will be provided in an email that will be sent to you from a member of your student's IEP team. If your student is currently being evaluated/re-evaluated for special education eligibility, this process will be completed when students return to school, unless otherwise specified by the case manager. Please contact your student's case manager with any questions.

FOOD SUPPORT

District 95 Administration Center – 832 South Rand Road - Lake Zurich IL 60047-2459 Phone: (847) 438-2831 FAX: (847) 438-6702 www.lz95.org In addition to support provided by community partners as listed below, District 95 is making plans to provide grab-and-go lunches during the week of Spring Break and possibly beyond. At this time, the following food support is available for all District 95 students:

- The Chapel-Lake Zurich will support our families in need during the week of March 16 through March 20, 2020 and will be open daily from 12-2pm for a Grab-n-Go lunch for children.
- St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry on Thursday evenings at the St. Francis Ministry Center from 6:00 7:15 p.m. Please note, the Harvest Room Sunday evening dinners have been suspended indefinitely at this time.
- Alpine Chapel, 23153 W. Miller Rd, has a food pantry available from 9am-noon every Saturday.

UPCOMING CALENDAR DATES

- March 17-20: We will continue with our eLearning plan as a means of providing extended learning for our students.
- March 23-27: Spring Break
- **March 30:** We will continue with our eLearning plan as a means of providing extended learning for our students.
- We will continue to monitor our school/all student return date.

Again, I would like to remind all families that I will diligently monitor the situation as it is extremely fluid. I will continue to provide you with the most updated information as I receive it. Thank you again for your support!

Sincerely,

Dr. Kelley Gallt

Superintendent