

March 31, 2020

Dear District 95 Families,

As you may have heard this afternoon, Governor JB Pritzker has extended the *Stay-at-Home* order for the State of Illinois through April 30th, 2020. All Lake Zurich Community Unit School District 95 schools will remain closed during this time, and students will continue learning from home utilizing our eLearning plan. All activities and events through April 30, 2020, are also cancelled.

While we know this is disappointing news for many of you - as parents who are juggling work schedules and home-based learning, as students who miss their friends, teachers, or were looking forward to spring activities - but we also know that placing the health and safety of our people is and should be our top priority. We have a responsibility to our fellow citizens to do our part in curbing the spread of this virus and the *Stay-at-Home* order provides the best means towards "flattening the curve".

As I have said previously, we also have a moral responsibility to continue learning, and as my communications indicated earlier this week, we are working hard to expand our toolset for our eLearning capabilities every day. If you have an opportunity to thank a teacher, please consider doing so, as they have been nothing short of remarkable in providing thoughtful learning experiences for our students.

To continue to provide professional learning opportunities for our staff, there will be two days this month, April 13th and April 27th, where teachers will be engaging in meetings and trainings. On those days, student work is to continue and attendance WILL be taken, but teacher office hours and Zoom/Canvas Conference meetings will not take place. On these days, elementary students may select options from their choice boards and secondary students may work on homework and/or other assignments.

Additionally, please note that Friday, April 10th, is a previously planned non-attendance day for all students and staff. No eLearning will take place on that day.

Finally, please consider <u>sharing your elearning photos</u> with us for our elearning Digital Scrapbook, it is important for us to find ways like this to stay connected and share our common experiences, especially when we are physically distanced.

Please take care and know how proud I am of the strong partnership we continue to forge throughout this situation.

Sincerely,

Dr. Kelley Gallt Superintendent

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