

Dear District 95 Families,

Today, superintendents of school districts across the State of Illinois had the opportunity to respond to communication from the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE). While participating in these conversations, as well as reviewing the most up-to-date guidelines from ISBE, it is clear that the situation at the state level is ever-changing and likely to continue developing over the next 12-24 hours. In an effort to continue to support students, staff, and families, as well as to honor the incredible efforts of our staff who created eLearning, we will continue with our plan.

Therefore, tomorrow, March 16th, 2020 will be an eLearning Day for all grade levels in District 95. Our eLearning plan was officially approved by the Lake County Regional Office of Education and therefore this will count as an instructional day that will not need to be made up. Our expectation is that all certified, non-administrative staff will be working from home as previously stated, and expectations of students and staff have already been communicated to you and are included on our eLearning webpage which is now active on all school websites.

School Hours

Please note, our schools will have very limited staff on Monday from 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., so we are requesting the following for the safety of our staff:

- Only come to school if it is absolutely necessary, for example, if your student has necessary
 medication at school or has technology or other supplies at school essential for learning.
- Only the main entrance of each school will be accessible for students/parents.

Food Support

If your family is in need of food, there are several supports available within our community. Additional resources may be made available going forward.

- Alpine Chapel, 23153 W. Miller Rd, has a food pantry available from 9am-noon every Saturday.
- The St. Francis de Sales Harvest Room will provide food for families in need on Sundays, except for April 5th and April 12th. The St. Francis Food Pantry (at the Parish Office) also plans to open every Thursday from 6:00 to 7:15 p.m.
- 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. If you are planning to use this resource, we ask that you reach out to Terese Cowell at 847-540-4974 or email the District at Businessoffice@lz95.org by 9am Monday, March 16, 2020. The only information needed is the number of children needing a bagged lunch. Please sign up if you are in need of this opportunity so they will have enough bagged lunches for those attending.

If you have other needs due to the school closure, please use this same contact information to let us know. We will try to connect you with the community resources you are seeking.

Board of Education Meeting

Our March Board of Education meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 19th. This meeting will still be held with some special provisions in place to maintain and allow for appropriate social distancing. We are taking this very seriously!

- As usual, our Board meeting will be streamed live so that the public may view it remotely.
- Only four Board members will be in attendance in order to limit their exposure as our governing body.
- The public may still attend the meeting for public comment, but may be asked to wait outside and enter one at a time or may be asked to sit six feet apart.
- The public may email comments directly to the Board of Education to be read as public comments if so indicated in the email. Their email address is BoardMembers@lz95.org.
- The public may call me directly with comments to be read as public comments if so indicated in the phone call.

While you are at home with family and making significant changes to your normal daily routines, please stay safe and keep informed. Information is changing at an incredibly fast pace, and we are all learning to adapt to this new situation. If you have not seen the Governor's press briefing from today, you can view it here: https://www2.illinois.gov/Pages/news-item.aspx?ReleaseID=21254

I will continue to share with you as reliable information becomes available. For now, I hope you can find a way to relax, enjoy your evening and your family, and be well.

Thank you,

Dr. Kelley Gallt

Superintendent

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