



## Morris Elementary School District #54

*Inspiring Excellence In Every Child Every Day*

December 17, 2020

Dear Parents, Community, and Staff of Morris Elementary School District #54:

As we prepare to celebrate the Holiday Season with our families, I wanted to take a moment to discuss the plan for our learning environment after the break. As my letter stated on November 20th, the decision was made to go into remote learning until January 5, 2021. After discussions with stakeholders and considering multiple logistical concerns, we have made the decision to extend remote learning through January 15, 2021. This will allow for a quarantine period after the holidays, that will allow better opportunities for us to return to in-person learning as soon as possible. We still believe that in-person learning is best for all kids and we will continue planning to safely do this in the not too distant future.

Please be aware that things are still continuing to change rapidly. We will continue to monitor data from the Illinois Department of Public Health and seek guidance from our local health department, in the event we need to extend our remote learning period. Also, it is possible that outside sources (Illinois State Board of Education or the Governor) could force the District to make modifications to our remote learning period.

On behalf of our entire staff we want to thank our families for their continued partnership during this year as our students and staff develop new ways of learning and interacting. We wish you and your family a relaxing Holiday Season and a Happy and Healthy New Year!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Shannon Dudek".

Dr. Shannon Dudek, Superintendent of Schools