



FROM THE DESK OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

March 14, 2020

Good Evening Salt Creek School District 48 Parents/Guardians and Staff:

Salt Creek School District 48 is built on the strength of our school family and it has been like that over the course of the past 180 years. I know we will rally together over the next few weeks and we will continue to be supportive of one another. These are unprecedented times and we understand there are many questions about what comes next for our school community. Please expect to receive ongoing digital communication in the coming days and thank you in advance for taking the time to read each of the messages that are sent.

As we work together to keep our communities safe, we understand that families will need to navigate a variety of complexities as a result of children staying home from school due to COVID-19. Because of this, Salt Creek District 48 is providing the following resources and guidance:

DATE SCHOOL WILL RESUME

Currently, we are hopeful that classes will resume on April 6, 2020. This is based on Governor Pritzker's statement on March 13 declaring a return date of March 30, and our scheduled spring break. Please know that **this could change** as the situation is fluid around our community and across Illinois. Timely updates regarding school resuming will be a priority.

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

We are awaiting clarification from the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) regarding the use of emergency days in place of days missed due to COVID-19. We will provide the date for the last day of school once we receive more concrete information from ISBE.

E-LEARNING

Our goal is to provide students with a home learning opportunity while they are at home and this will be called e-learning. Our preschool through fourth-grade can access activities on our school district website. If students are unable to access information on our website, Salt Creek District 48 will provide a packet of information that can be picked up at our schools. Our fifth through eighth-grade students have their Chromebooks at home and they will receive their assignments through Google Classroom. If you do not have internet access at home, please contact Albright Middle School and we will share additional information with you. Our staff will use Monday, March 16th to finalize e-learning preparations. On Tuesday, March 17th, we will begin e-learning with our students and staff. Additional details will be sent to parents on Sunday, March 15th once we have finalized our e-learning plans.

FOOD SERVICE DELIVERY

Salt Creek District 48 is partnering with DuPage High School District 88 to provide food access to students in need. Meals (grab and go bagged meals) will be provided for students and community members (up to the age of 18) at each one of our schools. Willowbrook High School District 88 school buses will distribute food from our school parking lots. Meal delivery will begin on Tuesday, March 17, 2020.

More information will be shared when details are finalized with DuPage High School District 88.

MEDICATION PICK-UP

Parents and guardians will be permitted to pick up medications. Please contact the school office on Monday, March 16th to make those arrangements. In order to pick up any medications that are currently stored in the nurse's office for your child, a parent or guardian must be present to sign for these items.

CONSIDERATIONS FOR STUDENTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

There are many unique considerations to address meetings and services for students with special needs, such as IEP meetings, 504 meetings, and program tours. Meetings and tours originally scheduled to occur between March 16 and March 27 will be rescheduled as soon as possible after school resumes. Details will be shared with families as they become available. We know everyone has concerns about continuity in education and related services that are equitable to all our students. Included in our future

communications about e-learning will be how we intend, to the best of our abilities, to offer this to our students.

TRITOWN YMCA CHILD CARE

Tritown YMCA has limited availability for childcare. Please call them at 630.629.9622 for more details. There may be a cost for this service.

THANK YOU

Thank you in advance for your support as we implement what is best for our students and staff during this unprecedented time. We understand this may cause challenges for some families, however, we believe this is in the best interest of our school community at this time. We will consult with our health officials over the next two weeks to evaluate when our staff and students are able to return to our schools.

I appreciate your support as we navigate through this incredibly challenging situation.

Sincerely,

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