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Hello Bulldog Families,

On Friday, March 20th, Governor Pritzker issued an executive order requiring residents to “stay at home” effective Saturday, March 21 at 5:00 pm, through the end of April 7. As part of the Governor’s order, he announced that school will remain closed, with a new tentative reopening date of April 8. We recognize that this development may raise questions about the impact on students, staff, and families as well as the school’s vital role of providing meals to students and families while schools are closed. We anticipate further guidance and details from the Illinois State Board of Education next week. The time period from March 23-March 30 will remain in place as planned in our schools. As information becomes available, we’ll work on a plan for March 31-April 7. Please know that today, President Trump also announced the cancellation of all federally mandated state tests.

During this stay at home order, essential school personnel may still report to work as long as they are practicing social distancing. We want you to know the governor’s office has assured school districts that school personnel involved in providing meals (and personnel who are carrying out other essential activities for our operation) will not be in violation of the governor’s executive order. We can, and should, continue with our food program, which has had a tremendous impact in making sure our students are not going hungry while school is closed.

In addition, the governor has made it clear that, while he’s serious about using social distancing to slow the spread of COVID-19, he wants residents to still be able to work, shop at grocery stores, put gas in their cars, take walks outside and get medication from the pharmacy. Rest assured, we are committed to doing our best to provide meals and deliver continuity of education.

Please use this opportunity to focus on staying safe and helping to slow the spread of the virus. As always, thank you for your patience and support as we all work through the COVID-19 Pandemic. As you have seen, this situation is evolving rapidly. As events unfold, I will continue to communicate in a timely and transparent manner.

As always, thank you for your patience and flexibility—it is appreciated! Take care and stay healthy.

Sincerely,

Dr. Lindsey A. Hall

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