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Good Afternoon,

As our spring break comes to an end and we look to begin our e-learning on Monday, March 30, 2020, I wanted to take a moment and update the entire school community on where we are in regards to dealing with the COVID-19 pandemic and school closures.

Here is the latest on what we know:

- We, along with all schools in Illinois, will remain closed for face-to-face instruction through at least April 7. We will continue to use e-learning or extended learning options to deliver instruction.
- The Illinois State Board of Education has announced that remote learning will occur for the duration of the suspension of in-person instruction.
- School districts will not be expected to extend their school year calendar.
- Instructional remote learning does not eliminate the teacher, but instead it works to develop a partnership with families to provide instructional learning during these difficult times.
- Students will not be required to master content and will not be penalized for failure to master new content.
- All Act of God days, remote planning days, and remote learning days will count as actual days of pupil attendance.

On Monday March 30th, we will again start to offer our grab and go lunches for students. Information regarding the availability of these lunches can be found on our districts' websites. I want to also remind all our students of the importance of maintaining social distancing as we try to slow the spread of COVID-19. During school closures and as the weather gets nicer students may find themselves wanting to get together and spend time with groups of friends. The CDC and Illinois Department of Public Health are asking that we avoid these types of gatherings in the short term. By staying home and adhering to their recommendations you not only lower your risk of contracting COVID-19, but it prevents you from potentially and inadvertently spreading the virus. The most recent information on COVID-19 shows we could be carriers of the virus with little to no symptoms. So please take the precautions needed during this time to protect yourself and others.

Finally, I can't explain how much I personally look forward to seeing students, staff, and parents once again in our schools. Although this is a time of uncertainty please remember we will get through this, and the result will be a stronger school community than ever before.

Sincerely,

Thomas Lind

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