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Parents & Students,

As we await the Illinois Governors' next move I wanted to take a moment and thank all of you for your patience during this difficult time and hope that this letter finds you safe & healthy. At the start of business tomorrow, Tuesday, March 31, the Governor has shared with us that remote learning days will be in place until April 7.

Remote learning days are not Act of God days. They are considered regular attendance days for students. The state will allow these days to be counted as school days for average daily attendance purposes. In other words, student will be encouraged to continue learning from home and we will not have to make these days up at the end of the year should we return to school.

Here is the guidance we have received to date from the Illinois State Board of Education in regard to "Remote Learning" days.

The emphasis for schoolwork assigned, reviewed, and completed during the remote learning period is on learning, not on compliance. Grading should focus on the continuation of learning and prioritize the connectedness and care for students and staff. All students should have the opportunity to redo, make up, or try again to complete, show progress, or attempt to complete work assigned prior to the remote learning period in that time frame and "ISBE recommendations on grading are based upon the principle of no educational harm to any child."

Our administrative team has met with our teachers and we will continue to provide learning opportunities through our students Gmail accounts and our teachers Google Classrooms. In addition, all parents will receive a text message this evening asking them to contact the high school office should they not have access to Google Classroom so that other arrangements may be made. Keeping students safe and educationally engaged needs to be the focus for now.

We will continue to stay in touch with all of you as things change and share our plans moving forward as they do. We are all here for you and if you need anything please feel free to contact us via email or by phone.

Respectfully,

Phil Morrison