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Dear Parents,

I hope this message finds you and your families safe and well. Today, Illinois Gov. JB Pritzker announced that remote learning in Illinois will be extended through April 30 in order to slow down the spread of COVID-19.

During this time, on-site learning will remain suspended but our schools' commitment to learning and education will remain open and learning will continue for all students - just through a different format.

While it is not ideal, we want to assure you that at Galesburg CUSD #205, our teachers and staff are fully engaged and willing to take on this new challenge and push forward with remote learning, engaging with students and continuing with our food distribution program.

I know this is not the school year that any of us imagined, but I want to thank you for your patience and understanding as we have dealt with this unprecedented situation together.

As a recap, here are the three priorities for our leadership and planning moving forward:

Priority 1 - Feed and care for the extended safety, health, and welfare of students, families, non-student children, staff, and community at large.

Priority 2 - Communicate clearly; share coherent, organized and controlled messages with your staff, students and community.

Priority 3 - Provide for the continuity of learning in Illinois

We will be sending out additional information this week regarding Remote Learning. Please know that we plan to initiate this plan on Monday. Once we have finalized an agreement with the Galesburg Education Association, we will be able to share the entire plan with everyone.

Thank you for your continued support during this unprecedented time as we continue to work together and support our students. Thanks again.

Sincerely,

Dr. John Asplund