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Hello Bulldog Families,

Illinois Gov. JB Pritzker announced today that remote learning in Illinois will be extended through April 30 in order to slow down the spread of COVID-19.

During this time, in-person learning will remain suspended but schools will remain open and learning will continue for all students - just through a different format. So, while our buildings are closed--learning continues in Mahomet-Seymour! We will "welcome back" our students on Thursday, April 2, 2020, when Remote Learning Days start here in Mahomet-Seymour. We are here to serve, connect and engage with our students and families during this time.

We want to assure you our teachers and staff are ready and willing to take on this new challenge and push forward with remote learning, engaging with students and continuing with our food distribution program.

Today, March 31 and tomorrow, April 1, are both Remote Learning Planning Days. Our teachers are using these two days to talk, plan and collaborate together about teaching and learning.

Remote Learning Days will start on Thursday, April 2, 2020. Attached you will find the Parent Guide for Remote Learning (bottom of email). It is meant to provide broad guidelines and information about what you can expect will happen on remote learning days. Because we teach such a wide range of ages of students, teach a wide variety of classes and have diverse learners across our district--this plan must be general in nature. It is our teachers who will convey specific information regarding materials and expectations to your student--this includes learning activities, assignments, due dates, etc. All materials will be posted on our website at the beginning of the learning week:

<https://www.ms.k12.il.us/o/district/browse/111779>

### **Frequently Asked Questions:**

#### **What is the "beginning of the learning week"?**

This week, it is Thursday, April 2.

Next week, it is April 6, and the following week, it is April 14.

**PLEASE NOTE THAT WE DO NOT HAVE SCHOOL/REMOTE LEARNING ON FRIDAY, APRIL 10 AND MONDAY APRIL 13.**

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### **What can I do if I need support/help with technology?**

Call: 217-586-2054

Email: [technology@ms.k12.il.us](mailto:technology@ms.k12.il.us)

### **Who can I call if I need paper copies of assignments?**

Please call or email your building principal.

### **How do I communicate with teachers?**

Our teachers will have times set aside for parents and students to communicate with them. They will let you know what those times are. Please respect these times, as our teachers are also at home with their families and children (and probably engaging in remote learning themselves!)

### **What if I need internet access?**

Please contact an administrator at Mahomet-Seymour Jr. High or Mahomet-Seymour High School to check on the availability of a hot spot.

We have two school buses that can also serve as hot spots. By Thursday morning, we will let families know where those buses are located--only the school's Chromebooks can connect to these hotspots, and they do so automatically. Also, please know that the Wi-Fi in our school buildings and Mahomet Public Library is accessible from the parking lots of our buildings.

### **What if my child needs additional activities?**

Please check the [website](#) for a section entitled "Additional Learning Activities". These are not required activities.

### **Is attendance taken on Remote Learning Days?**

No, attendance will not be taken. But our teachers will be reaching out to all students to check on them---to see if they are OK and if they need help or assistance with remote learning activities.

### **How are grades calculated during Remote Learning Days?**

Parents will receive additional and more detailed information, tomorrow, April 1, 2020 about grading during Remote Learning Days.

### **Why is Remote Learning important?**

At some point, our buildings will open back up, we will personally welcome students back to our classrooms, and learning will pick up and continue in our classrooms where remote learning has left off. Remote learning presents a different type of way to learn and engage--things will be different during remote learning than the "regular" classroom experience. Grades are different, interactions are different, assignments are different, expectations are different. However, learning continues. We will all need to be patient and learn new things together as we start on this journey. It is our expectation, as the Mahomet-Seymour Schools, that all students engage in the learning experiences and activities that our teachers plan and push out during Remote Learning

Days. If your child needs extra help or assistance--please let us know! We're happy to help--and we can find ways to provide the support that might be needed.

We recognize this has been an incredibly challenging time for the entire Mahomet-Seymour community. I want to thank you for your patience and understanding as we have dealt with this unprecedented situation and as we start our journey with remote learning.

[\*\*PARENT GUIDE FOR REMOTE LEARNING.pdf\*\*](#)

Thank you!

Very sincerely,

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Superintendent of Schools