



Blue Ridge Community Unit School District #18

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Dear Blue Ridge Parents, Students, and Staff,

Illinois Governor Pritzker today announced that Remote Learning will continue through the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year. What does that mean for Blue Ridge? For now, we will continue with Remote Learning as we have been since mid-March. The leadership team will be meeting on Monday morning to talk about the many issues we face over the next few weeks. We will send out detailed information early next week.

We will continue with daily food and materials distributions to the sites in each of our 3 communities, and home delivery when needed. If you or someone you know has a need, please call us at 309-928-9141. We are here to help in any way we can!

I am not sure what I expected from my last year as Superintendent at Blue Ridge, but this was definitely not it! It is tremendously disappointing that we cannot engage in school as we traditionally have known it - and the loss of important milestones for our students is heartbreaking! Seniors are especially affected by the loss of long-anticipated milestone events, at least as they have occurred in the past. We developed a "Plan B" for upcoming events, with the goal of reducing some of the uncertainty everyone is facing. This is posted at <https://5il.co/f35k>.

I think the silver lining to all of this is that our community and schools have come together in a positive, supportive, and encouraging way. All involved have shown tremendous creativity to keep up spirits and foster unity. I am truly proud of the work of our staff, and the support and hard work of parents, families and students throughout this time. This confirms to me that Blue Ridge really is a wonderful place for our students, community and staff - a real blessing to me as I move on to retirement.

All my best,

Mrs. Susan Wilson
Superintendent