

Dear Parents and Community Members:

I hope this message finds you and your families safe and well. Friday, April 17, 2020, Gov. JB Pritzker announced that remote learning in Illinois will be extended through the end of the 2019-20 school year.

Although in-person learning has been suspended for the remainder of the year, I can assure you that our entire staff remains committed to learning and engaging with all students through remote learning, as well as continuing with our food distribution program through the Week of May 18, 2020.

Like you, we are saddened by the reality that our school community will not be able to reconvene in person this school year due to this public health crisis. Our students have worked so hard to learn and grow in both the classroom and in extracurricular activities that today's announcement may feel like a huge step back.

However, the final chapter of this school year hasn't been written yet. These past few weeks have proven our school community is more resilient, more capable and more compassionate than maybe what we previously realized. I'm confident our collective strength will shine through during the remainder of the school year, and we will emerge even stronger.

Having said that, today's announcement will result in significant and multiple scheduling changes in our district. As this announcement about the end of the school year was made on April 17, 2020 by Governor Pritzker, it will take us a few days to sort out the many schedule details, including graduation. Please be patient as we work as a district to get information to you in the next several weeks.

Individual buildings and District level procedures for closing out the year will be provided to parents and guardians by your child's building level administrators. Please look for this information in the coming weeks.

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. This period of Remote Learning offers us new ways to learn and grow, and out of this Pandemic, we will emerge stronger. Plans will be underway soon for the return to in-person learning next school year.

It's important we continue to work together and support our students. I can't thank you enough for all that you are doing as we all work together through this.

Sincerely,

Andrew Larson, Superintendent