



FROM THE DESK OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

April 17, 2020

Dear AMAZING District 48 Families,

While I was hoping my next communication with you would be filled with something extremely positive, that unfortunately isn't the case today. As you may be aware, Governor Pritzker formally announced that **in-person instruction would be canceled for the remainder of this school year**. Although in-person learning has been suspended for the remainder of the year, at Salt Creek District 48, I assure you our entire staff remains committed to learning and engaging with all students through remote learning, as well as continuing with our food distribution program.

Please know that we continue to evaluate our e-learning practices and we continue to think about ways that we can positively impact our students. We know that nothing replaces the benefits of in-person instruction and we will continue to do the best that we can. We have already been talking about what this announcement means from an administrative level and we will continue to communicate with you what this will mean for your family. We already know that we will hold some type of graduation ceremony for our graduating 8th graders. While it will not be a traditional graduation like we are all accustomed to, it will be as special as possible so we can honor our students. We will also provide details on how our students can safely collect their personal artifacts and more details will be provided in the near future.

We know that this announcement will also bring a flurry of additional questions, and we continue to evaluate and make decisions about future plans. We will provide information about summer school, extended school year services, and the reopening of schools in the fall as soon as we are able to do so.

As a parent of two boys, I know how challenging e-learning can be. These are unprecedented times and I know that you are doing an AMAZING job as a parent. You really are doing a great job, so please know that our entire school district is behind you 100%.

Please feel free to contact any of our principals if you need further assistance.

Ms. Gerrie Aulisa: Albright Middle School

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Mrs. Sarah Smith: Salt Creek Primary & Stella May Swartz Schools

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We recognize that these are difficult times for you and your family. While we will not return for on-site instruction this year, our staff members are still here to support you! Please contact Mrs. Jennifer Sabourin, Director of Student Services, at jsabourin@saltcreek48.org if your family needs help and resources. Free meal distribution is available for children under the age of 18 at Albright Middle School every Tuesday from 10:00am to 12:00pm.

This isn't exactly how I imagined my first year in Salt Creek District 48 to conclude, but I'm extremely proud of our school community and I wouldn't want to be a superintendent anywhere else. Salt Creek District 48 misses you and we look forward to reuniting our school community as soon as this is possible.

We are rallying together and we are **D48 strong!**

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jake Chung".

Dr. Jake Chung
Superintendent of Schools

“Teaching Tomorrow’s Leaders”