

April 24, 2020

Good afternoon EGF ISD 595 Families and Staff Members!,

All of us have been anxiously waiting to hear from Governor Walz and Commissioner Ricker about the future of the 2019-20 school year and yesterday was the day. Governor Walz signed [MN Emergency Executive Order 20-41](#) yesterday and announced that school districts will continue with distance learning for the remainder of the school year. It was not the news any of us wanted to hear, but I do not feel it was a big surprise to anyone. Part of the order also states that Friday, May 1st and Monday, May 4th will be dedicated professional development days with no distance learning. District staff members will be using both days to analyze the effectiveness of the current distance learning plans and make necessary adjustments. An updated plan will be posted on the district website no later than May 5, 2020. **The childcare for children of emergency workers and food service “grab & go” meals programs will continue to operate on both days.**

Please take a little time to review the following information and feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

- **Food Service “Grab & Go Meals” Update** - The food service and transportation teams are continuing to work very hard to provide quality meals for the children and greatly appreciate seeing their smiles! Over 3200 meals were served today and the hot meal options seem to be popular. Please check out the great photos from bus #9!



- **Commencement Exercises 2020** - The latest news from the Governor confirmed that we will need to be creative and find the best way possible to recognize and honor the Class of 2020. The Senior High leadership team and district officials have been discussing options for the event and plans will be made final in the near future. We will work hard to make the best out of a difficult situation and do our best to provide a memorable experience for everyone.
- **School District Facilities** - Due to safety guidelines, district facilities are not available for public use at this time except for the childcare and food service programs. I wish it was not this way, but we do not have a choice. Thank you very much for your cooperation and understanding.
- **Green Wave Hall of Fame** - The application deadline for Green Wave Hall of Fame nominees is May 15, 2020. Please go to [Green Wave Hall of Fame Information](#) for more information about the Hall of Fame.

We will continue to share Coronavirus and other district related information on the school district website, instant messaging system and on social media. THANK YOU for doing a WONDERFUL JOB of working with the children and being AWESOME!

Have a WONDERFUL WEEKEND!

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