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Hello Bulldog Families,

I hope this message finds you and your families safe and well. Today, Illinois Gov. JB Pritzker announced that remote learning in Illinois will be extended through the end of the school year in order to slow down the spread of COVID-19. The Governor “suspended in-person learning for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year.”

While our school buildings are closed in the Mahomet-Seymour Schools, I assure you our entire staff remains committed to learning and engaging with all students through remote learning for the remainder of the school year, as well as continuing with our food distribution program. In order for us to remain safe in the midst of this public health crisis, we’ll continue to stay home as directed.

Students, so many of you have worked so hard to learn and grow in both the classroom and in extracurricular activities that today’s announcement may feel like a step back. It is truly disappointing. We all miss seeing you each and every day in person!

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 some scheduling changes in our district. As this announcement about the end of the school year was just made by Governor Pritzker this afternoon, we will be in touch with any important information regarding changes in schedules and events as soon as possible.

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 days 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 at a time when it is determined to be safe to do so. We completely understand the lack of closure that both students and staff feel—and will work to find ways to address that.

ADDITIONAL IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

- Please remember that Monday, April 20, 2020 is a Remote Learning Planning Day, and there will be no instruction. Remote Learning will resume on Tuesday, April 21, 2020. We will be in touch with information about the remainder of the school year.
- Food distribution will continue on our current schedule. You only need to fill out this Google form if you are ordering meals for the first time. If you’ve already signed up, you do not need to do anything else.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf08p11w9aimvE58bg3p19B83hIj40BbSQlgzC6kuzEH5jzDw/viewform?usp=sf_link

- Mom’s Pantry will be open on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 10-noon.

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In closing, I am saddened by this decision, as I know the rest of the Bulldog staff is. While the decision by Governor Pritzker to suspend in-person instruction was not a surprise, it nonetheless was very difficult to hear. I also struggle to find the words to adequately express my gratitude to the students, staff, parents and our amazing community as we work together to get through this situation—thank you so much.

With deep appreciation,

Dr. Lindsey A.Hall

Superintendent of Schools