



March 13, 2020

Dear District 95 Parents, Guardians, and Staff,

Please be advised that beginning on March 16, 2020, Lake Zurich Community Unit School District 95 will be closed through March 27, 2020 (this includes the previously planned week-long spring break). Special education students who attend an outplaced facility will be notified separately regarding the status of those facilities. YMCA before-school and after-school care programs will also be cancelled.

Why are we taking this step?

Although there are no confirmed case of Coronavirus COVID-19 in our district at this time, we are taking this step to help ensure the safety and welfare of our students, families, staff, and our community. This measure comes as the State continues to see an increasing number of cases of Coronavirus COVID-19. Local, regional, and national health departments continue to recommend limiting the spread of illness through social distancing, and the Governor has also requested that group gatherings be limited. In addition, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) support short-term dismissals for school for purposes of cleaning and contact tracing.

What does this mean for student learning?

Our staff has been diligently developing an eLearning plan which has been approved by the Lake County Regional Office of Education. This means we are now poised to continue learning even while students and staff are at home. There will be daily expectations of students (with parent support) and staff, however, there will also be flexibility.

We are deploying an eLearning webpage that will be available on every school website and the district website. Student and staff expectations will be listed there, along with learning resources (by grade level for elementary, through Canvas for secondary), as well as technical support. More information with specific directions will be forthcoming.

How can I get help?

Our website will have resources available on the new eLearning webpage. As of today, we are planning for our district office to remain open to continue serving our community. For any family in need, we will be working with community partners to provide meal support. Further information and instructions will be provided for those students who are absent regarding eLearning materials.

What can you do?

Please be sure to take care of yourselves, your families, and others in your immediate circle. Please know I am appreciative of your patience and flexibility as our district continues to navigate this ever changing situation.

Sincerely,

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