



March 13, 2020

Dear District 95 Parents, Guardians, and Staff:

In an effort to continue providing you the most up-to-date information, please take note that Governor J.B. Pritzker has declared that all schools shall close through March 30, 2020. This means that we now have an anticipated return to school date of March 31, 2020. March 30<sup>th</sup> will be an eLearning day. As I have mentioned previously, this is an extremely dynamic situation, meaning that information is changing from moment to moment. I will continue to provide you with information as I receive it, and I thank you in advance for your flexibility and patience.

The district office will remain open to continue to support and serve our families. Should the district office need to close, I will communicate this to you. Please feel free to call the district office at 847-438-2831 if you have any questions or concerns.

There are several pieces of information that are important to report at this time. Please see the detailed list of information below.

**Health Needs:**

If you need to reach the school nurse regarding pick up of necessary medication, please contact the school health assistant/nurse between 8am and 3:30 p.m. on Monday, March 16th.

**Hot Spot/Internet Connection for Those in Need:**

In our effort to provide internet access during the time that schools are closed, we will provide student access to the District wireless network at each of our schools. If your student needs access to the internet in order to participate in the eLearning program we have positioned exterior WiFi access points near the entrances of each of our schools. The location of the access point will be designated by a white sign reading "Student WiFi Access". Hot spot zones are outside the building and can be accessed from a nearby bench or parking spot.

Another option worth noting is a special Comcast offer providing Internet Essentials free for two months for qualifying low-income families who do not already have internet service. For more information please see their website <https://www.internetessentials.com/>.

**Absent Students in Need of Materials**

Families are encouraged to stop by their school offices between 8am and 3:30 p.m. March 16 through March 20<sup>th</sup>. Staff have packaged up student materials for all students who have been absent, including iPads for 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders.

**Food Assistance**

The Chapel-Lake Zurich, 330 S. Old Rand Road, has a mobile food pantry for families in the District 95 community who are in need. It is being held on Saturday, March 14, 2020 from 10am-noon, and no pre-

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registration is required. Also, Alpine Chapel, 23153 W. Miller Rd, has a food pantry available from 9am-noon every Saturday.

Additionally, The Chapel-Lake Zurich is willing to support our families in need during the week of March 16 through March 20, 2020 and will be open daily from 12-2pm for a Grab-n-Go lunch for children. If you are planning to use this resource, we ask that you reach out to Terese Cowell at 847-540-4974 or email the District at [Businessoffice@lz95.org](mailto:Businessoffice@lz95.org) by 9am Monday, March 16, 2020. The only information needed is the number of children needing a bagged lunch. Please sign up if you are in need of this opportunity so they will have enough bagged lunches for those in need.

If you have other needs due to the school closure, please use the contact information above to let us know. We will try to connect you with the community resources you are seeking.

### **eLearning Plans**

Our staff has developed an eLearning plan which has been approved by the Lake County Regional Office of Education. We will continue to provide learning opportunities throughout the school closure. There will be daily expectations of students (with parent support) and staff which allow for flexibility in student learning during eLearning school days. District 95's Spring Break is still scheduled for March 23 – 27 and these days will not be considered part of our eLearning school days, as school was not scheduled to be in session on these days per our official 2019 – 2020 school calendar.

An eLearning webpage will be available on every school website as well as the district website effective March 16, 2020. Parent, 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. These include:

### ***Expectations for Grades Pre-K – 5***

Students will choose activities daily from the following areas:

- English/Language Arts
- Math
- Physical Education
- Social Studies/Science
- Art/Music

Parents are asked to submit a daily “attendance” email to the teacher.

Pre-K through Grade 5 classroom teachers will communicate with parents via email by 9:00 a.m. every day. All teachers will post to their teacher webpage daily by 9:00 a.m. Teachers will be available for questions and support from 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. and from 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

### ***Expectations for Grades 6 - 12***

Secondary students are already accustomed to using Canvas, a Learning Management System. Student expectations include:

- Log into Canvas daily
- Engage in learning experiences on Canvas daily
- Commit 5 hours to engaged learning each day

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- Submit work through Canvas by the posted due date
- Regularly read and use teacher feedback found in Canvas
- Contact teacher directly of any learning issues or needs
- Contact tech support for technology issues
- Check your D95 email daily

Teachers of students in grades 6 – 12 will conduct approximately 40 minutes of student engagement per class. Teachers will post work in Canvas by 9:00 a.m. each day and will also publish a contact plan on their Canvas course page. Teachers will be teaching and/or answering questions and providing support daily to students from 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. and from 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Regular feedback will be provided to students, and grades will be published to eSchool weekly.

### **Final Comments**

Again, I cannot thank you enough for the genuine kindness, support and flexibility you have shown over the past week. I have incredible respect for each of you as well as the staff and students. Please stay safe and take care of each other, and know that we are here for you!

Sincerely,

Dr. Kelley Gallt  
Superintendent