



March 29, 2020

Dear District 95 Families,

Welcome back from Spring Break! While your Spring Break may have been quite different than originally anticipated, I hope you had the opportunity to relax and enjoy some quality time with family.

Please know that during this past week, many of us have been hard at work enhancing the details of our eLearning plan to meet the requirements of the State's Remote Learning Recommendations to continue to ensure meaningful instruction and to enhance our capabilities to create greater opportunities for virtual connections between staff and students going forward.

Specifically, I wanted to assure you we are continuing with our eLearning plan, but we have been working to provide enhancements to our current plan for implementation in the very near future. Please know that we will be providing greater detail on some of these items after all District 95 staff have the opportunity to understand the guidance from the State and the new enhancements to our eLearning plan, as we received the updated State guidance late Friday evening.

eLearning for the week of March 30th, 2020

- Monday, March 30th: eLearning will continue in the same manner as before Spring Break
- Tuesday, March 31st- April 3rd: eLearning continues; **daily attendance will be taken and grading will begin**
- On Monday afternoon and Tuesday morning, teachers will be participating in eLearning professional development focusing on utilizing tools that will enhance the delivery of quality instruction; however, students will continue with their learning based on information/assignments provided by teachers through Canvas or elementary choice boards
- On Wednesday, April 1st, teachers will provide information to all students regarding grading practices during eLearning

As we continue to refine and enhance our eLearning plan, we are asking our [PreK – 5 parents to take a survey](#) (once for each Pre-K – 5 child) in order to investigate whether there is a need to provide greater flexibility with our eLearning delivery model. Specifically, we are gathering information to determine if there are families who may need their child's e-Learning to take place during the evening hours rather than during the typical timeframe for a school day, though this learning would not take place with the child's current classroom teacher. Additionally, we are requesting information regarding the need for enrichment packets and additional assistance outside of the regular classroom instruction already being provided. Thank you in advance for completing this short survey, as we value family feedback and look forward to better understanding how we can serve you.

On behalf of all our residents in the District 95 community, we have donated medical supplies and protective equipment typically used within our schools, to first responders, the Lake County Health

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Department and a local long-term care facility. All were deeply appreciative of this effort and we were honored to help in some small way.

Lastly, I would like to leave you today with a new way to enjoy some of the works of our talented students. While we normally update the Art Wall with District 95 student artwork at the Starbucks store across from Paulus Park, we have created this [Virtual Starbucks Art Wall](#) (available on our eLearning webpage) for your enjoyment at this time. Once businesses are back to normal operations, we will have these student works, printed on canvases, and hung at the store as usual.

As always, thank you for your support and your commitment to our District.

Sincerely,

Dr. Kelley Gallt

Superintendent