

April 2, 2020 Message to CCS Families

CCS Families,

Today, Indiana Superintendent of Public Instruction, Jennifer McCormick, announced that all K-12 school buildings in Indiana will remain closed for the remainder of this school year in an effort to slow the spread of COVID-19.

Our plan moving forward will be to stay the course and continue our current schedule of virtual learning for the six weeks following Spring Break. We also plan to end the school year the week before Memorial Day Weekend making Thursday, May 21st the students' last day and Friday, May 22nd the teachers' last day. This is three days earlier than our original schedule. CCS will utilize nine of the 20 waiver days Governor Holcomb provided Indiana schools to cover the six Fridays and three days after Memorial Day.

We will continue to focus on doing all we can for the amazing class of 2020! We will find a way to support and celebrate the important milestones and traditions, especially graduation. We know this is a heart breaker for you seniors, but we also know that you are strong, resilient, creative, and ready to meet any challenge. We are proud of you and we love you. Let's figure out a way through this together!

Our food service department and local community partners will continue meal distribution for our students and families. Our counselors and social workers stand ready to support students and families whatever the need.

What's next? The City of Carmel has launched **Carmel Cares**, a city-wide initiative to help residents remain connected despite the limitations posed by physical distancing. **Carmel Cares** aims to provide the community with important resources, as well as creative ways for residents to safely engage and support each other. In collaboration with local community partners, the City developed five themed weeks in an effort to spark kindness, positivity and unity among residents of all ages. Find out more about what's happening [here](#).

In closing, Let's focus on protecting the health and well-being of our families and community members. I have been told the next three weeks are critical in slowing the spread of this virus. If we work together and stay true to our social distancing, washing hands, and following the CDC guidelines, we can change the trajectory and slow the surge!

Keep the faith we will get through this and we will be OK,
Dr. B.

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Be Safe, Be Smart, and STAY APART!