



Dear District 95 Families and Staff,

As we approach the middle of April and the end of our third week of eLearning, I want to congratulate all of you for the great work that you are doing to make eLearning so successful in such a short period of time. Over this long weekend I hope you will spend some time reflecting on just how many adjustments we have all had to make in a very short period of time. Change can be difficult during the best of times, but during a serious and sudden event such as this pandemic it can be even more trying. Where you can, try to find the silver lining in our current situation. For example, one middle school parent wrote to report that, while her children would prefer to be learning at school, they were very much enjoying having an extra hour of sleep in the morning. Our current stay-at-home situation is not forever, and it can be challenging for all of us at times, but small positives are important to acknowledge for our overall well-being.

### **ELEMENTARY ELEARING ADJUSTMENTS**

We have listened to your feedback and are incorporating some adjustments to make eLearning more flexible for our elementary families in the following regards:

- **ATTENDANCE** – Parents/guardians can now report their child’s attendance on a weekly basis. Every Monday, the parent/guardian can report attendance for the week by selecting each day their child will be present. If something changes, or the child is going to be absent for any reason, parents/guardians must call the attendance line for the school.
- **CHOICE BOARDS** – Elementary choice boards have been adjusted to include greater flexibility and will be two weeks in length rather than just one week.

Both changes are based on your feedback and aim to make eLearning more manageable for our families.

### **ELEARING INFORMATION**

Please listen to [my latest Podcast](#) to learn more about how District 95 is leveraging technology within our eLearning plan.

### **FUTURE EVENTS**

The Governor’s Stay-at-Home order is still in place through April 30th.

- As previously stated, all in-person events through April have been cancelled.
- As a reminder, this Monday, April 13th, and Monday, April 27th will be regular eLearning attendance days for students and attendance will be taken; however, teachers will be engaging in meetings and trainings to provide professional learning opportunities. Teachers will not have office hours and Zoom/Canvas Conference meetings will not take place. On these days,

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elementary students may select options from their choice boards and secondary students should continue to work on homework and/or other assignments.

- Kindergarten Screening – originally scheduled during April – may be rescheduled for a later date, possibly in the summer.
- The last day of the school year still stands as Monday, June 1st.
- We are continuing to discuss summer school programming, and any changes will be communicated after we understand the Governor’s plan for May and June.

## **REFUNDS FOR CANCELLATIONS**

Our Business Office is hard at work on processing refunds for spring break trips, field trips, and activities that were cancelled due to COVID-19. We ask for your patience as we work through the processing of hundreds of refunds. Please be aware that we will process the larger dollar items first and then will work through to the smaller amounts, and all refunds will be mailed via check. We appreciate your patience! For any questions, please contact the Business Office at [BusinessOffice@lz95.org](mailto:BusinessOffice@lz95.org).

## **ASSISTANCE WITH FOOD**

The following supports are available in our community to help those needing food:

- ALPINE CHAPEL - 23153 W. Miller Rd, has a food pantry available from 9am-noon every Saturday. The food pantry WILL BE OPEN the week of Easter (Saturday, April 11th, 2020).
- ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FOOD PANTRY - On Thursday evenings at the St. Francis Ministry Center from 6:00 – 7:15 p.m. Please note, the Harvest Room Sunday evening dinners have been suspended indefinitely at this time.
- MEAL ASSISTANCE FROM DISTRICT 95 - District 95 is providing bagged grab-and-go breakfast and lunches to families in need of meal assistance during the COVID-19 related school closures. Even if you have never before demonstrated a need for such services, please know that if your situation has changed over the last several weeks and now you are in need, you may participate in our meal assistance program.

PICK-UP LOCATION: Lake Zurich High School – Door #12, on the west side of the building. Please enter via the main high school driveway and follow the signs.

TIME: 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

PICK-UP DAYS: Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays

ELIGIBILITY: Children age 18 and under, and Special Education students age 21 and under.

On Mondays and Wednesdays, the District will provide 2 breakfasts and 2 lunches per child. On Fridays the District will provide 1 breakfast and 1 lunch per child. Families will be met at the curb and should not exit their vehicles.

If you are unable to pick up the grab-and-go meals but would still like your child to receive meals, we are trying to offer delivery via a school bus drop off at your home. If circumstances allow for a home/neighborhood delivery, we need your information. Please provide information

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via clicking this link [Meal Assistance](#). Alternatively, you may call 847-540-4943 or email [BusinessOffice@lz95.org](mailto:BusinessOffice@lz95.org) – leave a message with your contact name, number of children, address and phone number. Delivery is planned to take place from 10am to noon. If we are unable to complete home/neighborhood delivery, we will contact you.

## **SOCIAL DISTANCING**

Some community members have reported seeing large groups of students gathering. Please be sure your family members are all following the State of Illinois Stay at Home order. Early indications are that the social distancing and Stay at Home measures are working to curb the spread of the coronavirus. Let's all do our best to abide by these measures so we can start on a path back to a more typical lifestyle!

Finally, please enjoy our second week of eLearning as shown in our [eLearning Digital Scrapbook](#), accessible at the top of our [eLearning webpage](#). Keep [submitting your photos](#), we love seeing how eLearning is evolving in your homes!

Sincerely,

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Superintendent