



April 18, 2020

Dear District 95 High School Families and Staff,

It is with a heavy heart that I share with you Governor J.B. Pritzker's order that all Illinois schools remain closed for the remainder of this school year. This means we will continue with eLearning plans for the rest of the 2019-20 school year.

We know this information will be difficult for many of our students, parents, and staff to hear, and we share in your disappointment at not being able to return in person as learning communities. School is more than just a building where we learn and teach, it is a home away from home, a social gathering place, a place where ideas, collaboration, struggles, and understanding take place. And yet, we must all understand that the continued closure of our schools has been put in place because it is the safest means of protecting all of us and our families.

As we begin to process this news, there are many considerations for the successful transition to extended eLearning, the end of the school year and summer programming. District 95 is already hard at work creating plans to assist students, families, and staff who will undoubtedly have questions as a result of this latest school closure order. We have listed some additional information below, and we will continue to communicate with as we have more guidance and plans in place.

STUDENT BELONGINGS

Our building principals will be communicating a specific plan for the safe retrieval of all student belongings left at school. Plans will include both a pick-up or delivery option. Principals will share more information once these plans are finalized.

eLEARNING

We continue to strive to support all students and families to ensure a successful eLearning experience. If your child is struggling, or there are any concerns with their eLearning engagement, please reach out directly to the teacher(s). We are all committed to helping each of our students attain the skills needed to be successful both currently and in preparation of next school year. Please know that we have a strong commitment to ensure your child's successful completion of their current grade level, so much so that we will be extending our support into the summer for those students in need of extra support or those students who receive an Incomplete in any subject area.

SUMMER LEARNING

Summer Learning for grades 9-12 will be entirely online and will continue in the timeframes previously announced. Registration information on our website is currently being updated to reflect only online offerings and will be available to continue accepting registrations again early next week. For students

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registered in courses no longer being offered, refunds will be processed if payment was previously submitted.

FINAL EXAMS

With the remainder of the school year to be completed through eLearning, we have made the decision to cancel comprehensive final exams for high school students. Students will likely still participate in summative assessments or projects as evidence of student learning. Please note that all students enrolled in an AP class will be expected to take the final AP Exam on the date(s) assigned, regardless of when they fall. All seniors who have earned a grade other than an incomplete and have maintained their grades at or above the grade earned since eLearning began on March 17th, will conclude their school year on May 15th. Seniors who have an incomplete, or those who are working to earn a grade at or above their grade as of March 17th, will attend classes as assigned in our eLearning plan to receive further support to towards improvement from May 18-20th.

Lastly, our Lake Zurich underclassmen will be provided the same opportunity for growth and improvement. All freshmen, sophomores, and juniors who have an incomplete in any course or a grade lower than the grade that was earned on March 17th will have the chance to continue to improve that grade(s) from May 28th - June 1st. All students with grades at or above the grade earned on March 17th will conclude school on May 27th unless they desire to attend for the purpose of improving their grade.

TO OUR SENIORS AND THEIR FAMILIES

Seniors are foremost in our hearts today. The high school administration is hard at work planning special celebrations to honor all seniors and this milestone in their lives as they finish their senior year and move on to the next adventures. More information will be forthcoming in the days and weeks to come. While these celebrations may look different than in past years, they will be special and unique, and most importantly, they will provide a safe way of celebrating our seniors' amazing journey in District 95 and at Lake Zurich High School.

SUPPORT FOR OUR FAMILIES

FOOD SUPPORT

Please [visit our website](#) for the most up-to-date information about resources available to ANY family needing assistance with food. Click on "Assistance with Food".

MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT

These are challenging and unprecedented times, and with this latest announcement about school closures it is to be expected that many of us will experience some level of grief about not being able to return to a place and a routine that was so familiar to us in our daily lives. Please take care of yourselves and one another as best you can while still observing the stay at home and other public health suggestions. Additionally, please feel free to reach out to either our school social workers and psychologists or access the following mental health resource list should you need more support: www.isbe.net/mentalhealth.

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LAST CHANCE FOR TEACHERS MAKE A DIFFERENCE NOMINATIONS

We have extended the deadline for submitting a Teachers Make a Difference Award Nomination. If you wish to submit a nomination, [please complete this form](#) by the end of Monday, April 20th, 2020.

Finally, at the end of our fourth week of eLearning, please enjoy some updated artwork by our very talented students in our [Virtual Starbucks Art Wall](#). Enjoy the weekend and please be sure to continue with the very important measures of staying home and socially distancing. We will get through this together!

Sincerely,

Dr. Kelley Gallt
Superintendent