



April 24, 2020

Dear District 95 Families and Staff,

Yesterday afternoon, Governor JB Pritzker announced the extension of the Stay at Home order for Illinois residents through Saturday, May 30th, 2020. While this latest announcement does not change our delivery model for eLearning, it does impact some very special events that we all hold dear. I am deeply saddened to share that the extended order means that all school sponsored events scheduled for the month of May will not take place on their originally scheduled date. While it would be impossible to reschedule every event, I have worked with the high school and middle school administrative teams to ensure that alternate dates have been secured for high school graduation, high school prom, senior honors night and both middle school promotion ceremonies to be held in accordance with the Governor's order in effect at that time.

Please know that as we continue to look forward and plan for various scenarios, we always consider and prioritize what is best for our students and our families. Key dates and information are included below.

CELEBRATIONS – High School

- Senior Honors Night – Tuesday, July 14, 2020
- Prom – Friday, July 17, 2020
- Graduation – Saturday, July 18, 2020

CELEBRATIONS – Middle School

- MSN Promotion Ceremony – Wednesday, July 22, 2020
- MSS Promotion Ceremony – Thursday, July 23, 2020

I will continue to provide further information on each of these events as guidance from the State regarding large gatherings in July becomes available.

ADJUSTMENTS FOR THE MAY CALENDAR

As we continue to provide eLearning, the State has also provided opportunities for further support to staff through the use of professional learning days. Please note the following schedule changes:

- Middle and High School
 - On May 8 and May 22, teachers will be participating in professional learning opportunities and will not be available for office hours or virtual learning. Students must check in to each class for attendance purposes; however, students will be working on any missing assignments or extended projects.

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- On the morning (only) of May 15, teachers will be participating in professional learning opportunities and will not be available for office hours or virtual learning; however, they will be available during the afternoon hours. Students must check in to each class for attendance purposes.
- Elementary School
 - On May 6 and May 20, teachers will be participating in professional learning opportunities and will not be available for morning meeting or virtual learning. Students should use this time to continue to work on choice board assignments.
 - On the afternoon (only) of May 29th, teachers will be participating in professional learning opportunities and will not be available for afternoon Seesaw learning. Students will not have any assignments to complete, unless they are continuing to work on completing any missing assignments.

LAST DAYS OF SCHOOL

- LZHS 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 senior school year on May 15th.
- LZHS seniors who have an Incomplete, or those who are working to earn a grade at or above their grade as of March 17th, will continue to attend classes from May 18-20th.
- LZHS freshman, sophomores, and juniors who have earned a grade other than an Incomplete and have maintained their grades at or above the grade earned on March 17th, will conclude school on May 27th.
- LZHS freshmen, sophomores, and juniors 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 from May 28th - June 1st.
- MSN and MSS 8th graders 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 28.
- MSN and MSS 8th graders 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 from May 29th – June 1.
- MSN and MSS 6th and 7th graders will attend classes through June 1.
- All elementary students will attend classes through June 1.

SUMMER LEARNING

High School - Summer Learning for high school students will be online only. [Click here to access the course catalog and registration link.](#)

Grades K – 8 - Summer Success and Summer Wonder offerings are tentatively scheduled from July 13 through July 31st. These dates were moved from early June to July, with the intent to offer face-to-face learning opportunities; however, this is contingent upon further direction from the State. More information will be communicated when courses are finalized and registration is available.

SUMMER SPORT CAMPS

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High School Summer Camps are currently suspended as we await further direction related to summer contact days from the Illinois High School Association (IHSA). Additionally, our K-8 Summer Sport Camps are also on hold until further notice.

REGISTRATION FOR RETURNING STUDENTS

Registration for next school year will begin on Monday, May 4th and should be completed by June 5th, 2020. Please watch for upcoming detailed information about the registration process for the 2020-21 school year for all returning students.

Even though I leave you today with eLearning and Stay at Home measures in place for the rest of this school year, I am overcome with the pride that I take in the strength and compassion of our community. The most recent display of this was for the Friday Night Lights virtual shout out to our essential workers, to our seniors, to our students and teachers, and others who are making their way and making a difference in this time of uncertainty. Please enjoy these images from [Friday Night Lights](#) and keep up the positivity and hope. Equally uplifting is this [Thank You](#) video produced by our District 95 Educational Foundation in lieu of the Cultural Diversity Fair that was scheduled for this month. Lastly, please enjoy our latest [Digital Scrapbook](#), sharing the many ways that eLearning is taking place across the district. Keep the photos coming and remember, we will get through this, together.

Sincerely,

Dr. Kelley Gallt
Superintendent