



May 22, 2020

Dear Keeneyville District 20 Families,

We want to reassure you that although there remain many uncertainties about future health guidelines and what school may look like in the Fall, we are actively planning ahead. We are collaborating with our state, county, and local organizations, as well as other DuPage County school districts to build-out three possible plans: (A) Schools will reopen for all students with in-person classes and adjustments made based on health and safety guidance, (B) Schools will open with remote learning and adjustments made through summer planning, and (C) Schools will open in a “hybrid model” with some in-person and some remote learning classes to meet health and safety guidelines. We will continue providing regular updates throughout the summer to give you the most up-to-date information.

We also want to introduce you to our newest addition to the Keeneyville Family. We are excited to introduce Dr. Jon Pokora who will join us July 1 as the new Principal of Waterbury School. He has incredible energy, enthusiasm and dedication to children and learning. With 16 years of experience in principal, assistant principal, and school district roles, he will be invaluable to ESD20 as we move into 2020-21! Just a few updates as we wrap-up a very “unique” but successful current school year:

- **Remote Learning:** *Remote Learning will continue Tuesday, May 26 through Thursday, May 28.* Please note that Monday is Memorial Day with no instruction, and Friday, May 29 will be a Teacher Remote Planning Day with no instruction.
- **Food Services:** We will continue to provide free grab-and-go breakfast and lunch at all of our school buildings, to all children under 18 through the summer. The [meal pick-up schedule](#) will remain the same, with the *exception of this upcoming holiday weekend where Friday 5/22 pick-up will include meals for Monday 5/25 and Tuesday 5/26.*
- **Summer Learning Opportunities:** We have three exciting opportunities in the district available to students during the summer months. Please register your child now to take advantage of one, two, or all three of these remote learning programs.
  - **ESD20 Summer School** (*Gr. PK-8, 6/15 to 7/16 on M-TH, 8:30am-12:00pm*) Remote learning this summer to include **live instruction** on essential standards for grade level content in Literacy, Math, and Social-Emotional Learning (SEL). Paper assignments will be available for students without internet access at home. Each day will begin with Zoom Movement Classes to get the brain and body going! Registration closes 5/26.
  - **ESD20 Summer STEM/Coding Club** (*Gr. 3-8, 6/15 to 7/16 on T + TH, 1:00pm-3:00pm*) Remote STEM/Coding activities offered to enrich learning and engagement. Registration closes 5/26.
  - **Literacy Through the Arts Enrichment Summer Camp (Spanish flyer)** (*Gr. 1-8, 6/12 to 7/16, M-TH, 8:30-8:55am & 12-12:30, plus Fridays for Family Activity Packet pick-up from 12-12pm*). Remote enrichment program with movement, activities and fun! Offered by the district’s long-time community partner, Faubourg Theater. Online Registration [English/Spanish](#).
- **Keeneyville ESD20 Spirit Week 5/26-28:** Help us to celebrate by wearing school colors and showing your school pride as you drive by to pick-up your student belongings at each of the schools. Teachers and staff will bring your student’s items to your car. We ask that you remain in your car to maintain social distancing requirements so that we can all stay safe and healthy. Families can return any items to school that you may have at home. All students will *keep their Chromebooks* over the summer, except for any students who are leaving the district or who are moving on to high school. Please see the detailed pick-up schedule and instructions for your child’s school: [ECC](#), [Greenbrook](#), [Waterbury](#), Spring Wood ([English/Spanish](#)).
- **8th Grade Promotion:** Congratulations to our 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Students who will celebrate their promotion on Wednesday, 5/27! We hope that the special delivery of your graduation packet, awards, and yard signs help to make this a very special week for our families. We have pre-recorded a special Virtual Promotion Ceremony that can be viewed at 6:00pm on 5/27 on our new 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Promotion webpage: <https://springwood.esd20.org/8th-grade-promotion-2020>. We will also share the link to the promotion video by email, website and social media.
- **Registration for 2020-2021:** We ask you to please help us to plan for next school year by registering your students now. A reminder that we have waived all registration fees through 7/31/2020, but technology fees are still required. Regular registration fees of \$150 will be reinstated beginning 8/1.

Thank you again for your support and partnership as we close out the 2019-2020 School Year. We are blessed to have a strong and close-knit Keeneyville Family!

Sincerely,

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Keeneyville ESD 20