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ELMHURST COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 205

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### **New Items:**

#### **D205 Superintendent Search Survey Now Open - Until Feb. 19**

The Board of Education welcomes your input as Elmhurst Community Unit School District 205 begins the search for a new Superintendent. As you may be aware, Superintendent Dr. David Moyer is leaving the District at the end of the school year to pursue another position in New York. Here are the links to the survey:

- [ELMHURST D205 SUPERINTENDENT SEARCH SURVEY IN ENGLISH](#)

- [ELMHURST D205 SUPERINTENDENT SEARCH SURVEY IN SPANISH](#)

The survey is open to **all** community members through February 19. Each person should only respond once, and the survey is designed to allow one response per device.

In addition to parent forums at each of our schools, D205 also will host two virtual community forums for residents and the business community to meet with the D205 Superintendent Search Team to provide input. All discussions will be moderated by Dr. Linda Yonke and/or Dr. Tim Shimp, consultants from School Exec Connect. Responses are confidential and anonymous. The D205 community is invited to attend. Each forum will last approximately one hour.

The meeting dates and details are:

- Feb. 13 - 10:00 a.m. Community Forum. Sign-up here: <http://bit.ly/2YQaDuc>
- Feb. 15 - 7:30 p.m. Community Forum. Sign-up here: <http://bit.ly/2Mw5aq0>

Results from the community forums will be compiled as part of a report that will be presented to the Board on February 24 along with a New Superintendent Profile.

Please feel free to contact the School Exec Connect consultants with additional questions: Linda Yonke at [linda.yonke@schoolexeconnect.com](mailto:linda.yonke@schoolexeconnect.com) or Tim Shimp at [tim.shimp@schoolexeconnect.com](mailto:tim.shimp@schoolexeconnect.com)

**Catch the Replay of “Helping Parents Support Their Children’s Well-Being During Distance Learning” with Rosalind Wiseman**

If you missed Rosalind Wiseman's *Zoom* address this week, catch the [video replay](#) on D205 YouTube. The founder of Cultures of Dignity and co-author of *The Distance Learning Playbook for Parents*, shared from the parent perspective, how we can build a community of dignity in challenging times and support student learning and growth during the COVID-19 pandemic.

**Reminders:**

**Life After York Q&A - February 22 (Mon), 7-9pm, via Zoom**

This popular event includes small group discussions led by parents of recent York grads who will share their valuable experience and knowledge about the

college application process as well as other post high school plans. [Registration](#) is required by February 19. Visit the "Life After York" [website](#) for more information. This event is sponsored by the PTSA Academic Committee and York's College and Career Resource Center.

### **D205 Presents COVID-19 Vaccines: What you need to know! Video Replay Available**

D205 and [Dr. Zachary Rubin](#) presented COVID-19 Vaccines: What you need to know! Dr. Rubin presented timely and relevant information about the Pfizer/BioNTech and Moderna COVID-19 vaccines that have been recently approved by the FDA. Dr. Rubin also discussed the general concepts of vaccines, addressed safety concerns and answered questions from attendees

Dr. Rubin is an Allergist/Immunologist, who is double-board certified in General Pediatrics and Allergy/Immunology. Dr. Rubin grew up in Naperville, and he is very excited to be practicing at Oak Brook Allergists, which has locations in Naperville, Plainfield, Downers Grove and Elmhurst.

Catch the [replay](#) of the session on the Thrive D205 Wellness Partnership page.

### **Updated February 2021 In-Person Attendance Days**

Due to a scheduling adjustment made at the January 26, 2021 Board of Education meeting, the following scheduling changes will be made for the month of February, which includes the use of Wednesdays for in-person learning on an alternating basis at Elementary Schools (K-5) and Churchville Middle School, for those students enrolled in the In-Person Hybrid Model at this time. The Madison Early Childhood Center, Bryan and Sandburg Middle Schools, and York High School schedules will remain as previously communicated for the month of February.

As a reminder, school schedules have been adjusted accordingly to ensure equitable opportunities for D205 students. Students with disabilities attending on an "AB schedule" of four days per week per parent choice, or five days per week because of the intensity of their programming (i.e. Transition, ABC, Multineeds, etc.), will now all attend five days per week in the Elementary Schools (K-5) and Churchville Middle School starting the week of Monday, February 1st.

[Madison](#); [K-5 and Churchville](#); [Bryan and Sandburg](#); [York High School](#)

## **D205 Food Services to Offer Free Daily Meal Bags**

Due to an anticipated shift in winter weather/temperatures, D205 Meal Pick-up will be earlier on Monday, February 8, 2021. Meal Pick-up will be from 1:45 p.m. to 3 p.m. at York High School and Bryan, Churchville and Sandburg Middle Schools.

D205 will offer its normal 7-day breakfast & lunch heat-and-eat meal bags on the following schedule:

Pickup is Mondays and Wednesdays from 3:30-5:00 PM at the following locations, except February 8, 2021. Pick-up if from 1:45-3 p.m.:

- York High School, Main Entrance Door #3
- Bryan Middle School, East Entrance Door #13
- Churchville Middle School, Main Entrance Door #1
- Sandburg Middle School, Main Entrance Door #3

### **Updates:**

- February 10 - Meal pick up from 3:30-5 p.m. at all four locations
- February 15 - Holiday No Pick Up
- February 17 - Meal pick up from 3:30-5 p.m. at all four locations
- February 22- Meal pick up from 3:30-5 p.m. at all four locations
- February 24- Meal pick up from 3:30-5 p.m. at all four locations

Please help everyone to stay safe by wearing your mask and staying inside your car (roll down back windows or open the trunk to receive the meal kits). Thank you!

D205 schools also will be handing out an optional (students are not required to take a meal bag) shelf-stable, one-day meal bag each day at dismissal time for students in grades K-12. Breakfast for the following morning is included in the bag as well. Families with allergy concerns or other dietary restrictions should contact your school nurse's office to discuss your child's specific situation before allowing your child to bring home a meal kit. If you do not want your child to take a meal kit home, please tell your child and let the school nurse know. The food items offered in the lunch bag each day will vary. If your child is taking a meal kit home, please remind them that food is not to be eaten on the bus, and the food should not be shared with anyone due to concerns with food allergies and other dietary restrictions.

## **Additional Resources:**

### **Thrive D205 Wellness & Mental Health Resources**

Thrive D205 School & Community Wellness Partnership is a wellness and mental health initiative launched by Elmhurst Community Unit School District 205 in 2019. The effort is designed to start a community conversation and create a subsequent plan to better understand, support and reduce the stress levels among students in our school community. Click [here](#) to discover the Thrive D205 resources page.

### **Virtual Backpack**

Looking for non-profit, community activities or information that is fun and educational for students? Check out the D205 [Virtual Backpack](#) page.

### **ComEd Bill Assistance**

If you are aware of staff members or families that could benefit from additional support, we ask that you share this information with them and have them call ComEd immediately at 1-800-EDISON1 (1-800-334-7661), M-F, 7am-7pm. Customers can also visit [ComEd.com/Support](https://www.comed.com/support) to learn more about the following payment assistance options and eligibility requirements:

- CARE Customer Hardship Grants
- COVID-19 Financial Bill Assistance
- Flexible, Extended Payment Arrangements
- Waiver of New Deposits and Fee Relief
- State and Federal Financial Energy Assistance

### **Free Internet/WiFi Services**

In need of free or low cost internet/WiFi services? Please click [here](#)