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District 205 Shifts to E-Learning Amidst the Heatwave

South Holland, IL – Out of an abundance of concern for the safety of students, faculty, and staff, Thornton Township High School District 205 is shifting to e-learning from Tuesday, August 22, through August 24, 2023, due to the forecasted excessive heat index.

Currently, HVAC systems at district schools (Thornridge, Thornton, and Thorwood) are insufficient to manage the anticipated high heat index and to cool all facilities during the school day. As the district board and administration prioritize the safety of faculty and staff while ensuring education is not compromised during the week, District 205 will shift to e-learning from Tuesday, August 22, through August 24, 2023. This means students and faculty are <u>not</u> required to travel to school Tuesday, August 22 through August 24, 2023. Students will complete classwork and receive instruction electronically via the Google Classroom platform using their district-provided Chromebook or other electronic devices.

Outdoor sports activities will be allowed during the evening hours after 6 p.m.

District 205 students and staff will resume regular in-person learning on Friday, August 25, 2023.

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