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Philip Salemi, Superintendent

March 20, 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I wanted to provide you with an update on the latest information we have regarding COVID-19.

School Closures: As of this morning, the only confirmed information we have is that schools are closed through Monday, March 30. We believe the State will make an announcement next week regarding what happens after March 30, although with the rapid pace of events, it is possible an announcement could come sooner. You may want to consider planning for the possibility that we could be out much longer, but to reiterate, I do not have any confirmed information on that.

As a reminder, our schools will be closed for spring break starting Monday, March 23 through Sunday, March 29. E-Learning will resume on Monday, March 30. Food deliveries will continue through Spring Break.

E-Learning: Our students have been participating in E-Learning across the District. We do not have official numbers of participation; however, teachers are reporting that most of their children are working on the daily modules. We are fortunate to be able to offer this experience for students.

Thank you to our students for putting in the effort in their schoolwork. We would rather have the students in our classrooms, however, right now that is challenging. We look forward to the time when we will see them again.

Thank you to all of our parents, who are juggling their own schedules and taking over the teacher duties at the same time. I know sometimes you have to compete with your children over who gets the device next, so it is a challenge. We appreciate your support and understanding as everything continues to evolve rapidly.

Thank you to all of our teaching staff for their commitment to providing our students with continuity of instruction and normalcy. We started planning for E-Learning back in November, thinking we would have snow days. I wish we did not need to implement this, but it was good we were ready.

Thank you to the members of the Transportation, Lunchroom, Custodial, and Administrative Team. We could not have gotten through the week without you. You have performed different duties related to your jobs and assisted with food delivery to our families. We are fortunate to have such dedicated, caring staff members across the District.

The Illinois State Board of Education is offering free resources to assist districts, teachers, and parents during this unprecedented time. Visit www.isbe.net/keeplearning. There are offers for free internet access from AT&T, Spectrum, and Comcast.

Finally, I am reminded of a quote, "It might be stormy now, but it cannot rain forever." I know this is testing everyone's resolve, but we will get through this. We will continue to monitor the situation and

update you as needed. We are here for you. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact me (708-670-1927) or email psalemi@sd925.org. We will send updates as we know more.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'PSA', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Philip Salemi
Superintendent