



# Elementary School District 159

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Greetings ESD 159 Parents and Community,

**School Closing – March 16 – March 30**

We are facing an unprecedented public health crisis in our community. In light of Governor Pritzker’s declaration of a state of emergency in Illinois and the growing number of confirmed cases in our area, we are taking action to protect public health. Therefore, we are closing school effective Monday, March 16, 2020. All school facilities will close and transition to the Remote Learning Plan from March 16th through March 30th. We know that closing our schools will have a significant impact on our families and we will continue to identify support services and resources.

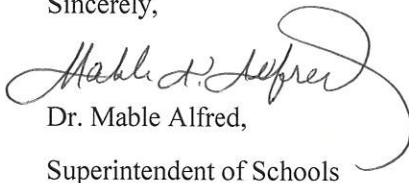
We will send follow-up communications with additional information about remote learning, support resources, food service, and other updates. Please continue to check our district website, District App and Facebook for updates. Effective immediately, we are cancelling evening events and extracurricular activities. This directly impacts organizations who have reserved our facilities for their activities; those groups will be notified.

Our goal is always to protect the safety, health and wellness of our students, staff, and families. Amid the uncertainty and fear that this pandemic brings, our strength as a district is our greatest asset. We can work together to protect each other and slow the progression of COVID-19.

On Monday, March 16th from 1:00-6:00 PM and Tuesday March 17th from 9:00-12:00 PM, we will allow families to pick up any items students may have left at the school such as supplies, glasses and medication. In addition, parents may come to the school to retrieve a hard copy learning plan or secure a Chromebook (grades 3-8) computer as students transition to remote learning. Beginning, Tuesday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, students will work with their teachers to continue instruction from home during this period. A detailed message will be sent to families outlining the Remote Learning Plan and expectations. Staff will work their normal work day on Monday, March 16, 2020.

We will continue to share information and update families throughout the days and weeks ahead. Thank you for patience, understanding and flexibility as we try to do our very best for our students, schools, and community.

Sincerely,

  
Dr. Mable Alfred,  
Superintendent of Schools

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## **Our Emergency Closure Plan**

March 16

- Non-attendance day for students only. Staff will be present to prepare. This day will be made up on June 1st.

March 17 - 27

- Governor's Executive Order begins/Emergency School Closing
- Election Day

March 30 - April 10

- School resumes, if public health conditions permit.

April 10

- School closed for Good Friday

April 13 – 17

- Spring Break

June 1

- Last day of school