Dear RIMSD #41 School Community:

First and foremost, thank you for being flexible and understanding as we proceed through this very challenging time in education. This memo serves as the most current and updated information available regarding meal distribution, our E-Learning/Remote Learning Plan, and the Governor’s. Stay at Home Order that has now been extended through April 30, 2020.

**Meal Distribution:**
We are continuing to offer those essential services necessary for our families in RIMSD41. Over the past weeks, we have served more than 18,000 meals at 7 school sites throughout the district. We have been fortunate to have such amazing volunteers who come to both prepare and pass out meals as needed. We will continue to offer meal packs on Mondays and Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at those same school sites until further notice.

**E-Learning/Remote Learning Plans:**
Within this designated academic window, March 31st and the period beyond have now been designated as E-Learning/Remote learning days and will consist of additional learning opportunities which will replace the learning packets that were given to families. Remote learning can be real-time, including free online resources as well as digital and non-digital content, but may or may not involve technology. Therefore, we are asking for you to visit district website www.rimsd41.org for the most current and up-to-date information and E-Learning FAQ’s (Frequently Asked Questions) on how to assist your child with daily learning.

We are currently working on a plan put Chromebook devices in the hands of students who do not have access to a device at home. More information will be shared next week once we have a distribution plan in place.

In other academic news, Governor Pritzker has shared that a waiver for the State of Illinois has been approved which suspends all state assessments for the 2019-2020 school year. We understand that these are unprecedented times when it comes to meeting the academic needs of our students. Please know that we will continue to do everything possible to ensure that our students can obtain academic success moving forward.

Finally, please know that we are using several tools to communicate with you on a regular basis (Remind, robo-calls, district website, letters, videos) regarding any and all information pertinent to our school community. We want you to stay safe, stay positive and above all, stay healthy during this time you have with your families. Keep up to date on our web site at www.rimsd41.org.

Sincerely,

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