



Elementary School District 159

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“To Educate, Empower and Inspire the Whole-Child”

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Greeting Colin Powell Family,

While we are truly facing unprecedented times, Elementary School District 159’s priority is keeping all of our students safe. Due to the school closures around the State of Illinois and across the country, all teachers have prepared learning activities to keep each student engaged in the learning process as directed by the Illinois State Board of Education.

The biggest concern for an educator is how much information students lose when they are not in school and not receiving instruction from a qualified teacher. This is why we have worked hard to develop learning activities that extend beyond the classroom. I encourage all students to complete all assigned work as it will have a positive impact on your academic development and keep you competitive with other students your age. Remember, students across the country have all been asked to transition to online learning.

If you are not completing your daily assignments, the only person you are hurting is you. Our goal at Colin Powell Middle School is to provide you with the very best education possible, however students must be open and active learners, willing to make sacrifices to be successful. Throughout these “Act of God” days, I am requiring ALL of my students to complete their assignments, stay healthy and exercise, because we are The Eagles of Colin Powell Middle School. **MEDIOCRITY IS NOT AN OPTION!**

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