

## **COOK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 130**

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Dear Families of Cook County School District 130:

I hope this message finds all of you and your children safe and well. Today, Illinois Governor J.B. Pritzker announced that all on-site learning will remain suspended across Illinois through at least April 30, 2020, in order to slow down the spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19).

While this is not ideal or how we envisioned this school year progressing, our teachers and staff are committed to providing remote learning opportunities in order to keep students progressing academically forward during this unprecedented time. It is our hope to keep our students and families engaged, connected, and abreast of learning expectations through regular communication.

As a District, we will continue to provide free grab-and-go lunch options to all families on a daily basis (11:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. every Monday through Friday) at Nathan Hale Primary School and Veterans Memorial School. We are also currently developing means of further supporting you with additional resources as you embrace supporting your child in new and evolving ways.

I know this is not the school year that any of us imagined, but I want to thank you for your patience and understanding as we have dealt with this unprecedented situation together. As a recap, here are the three priorities for our leadership and planning moving forward:

**Priority 1** - Feed and care for the extended safety, health, and welfare of students, families, non-student children, staff, and community at large.

**Priority 2** - Communicate clearly; share coherent, organized and controlled messages with your staff, students and community.

**Priority 3** - Provide for the continuity of learning in Cook County School District 130.

It's important we continue to work together and support our students. Thank you for your continued partnership in keeping our students healthy and learning while at home!

Sincerely,

Colleen M. McKay

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