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Dear Parents and Students:

As we work through the second week of remote learning, District-wide daily student attendance rates remain near 90%. Such strong and sustained student participation directly reflect students' connections with their teachers and their desire to continue learning. Our teachers, student services staff members and our entire staff remain committed to providing students with quality learning opportunities and supports to help stabilize their experience throughout this ongoing school closure.

Further Limiting Access to District Facilities

Guidance from health officials informs us that the virus continues to spread and that it has not yet reached its peak. As more individuals contract the virus, we seek everyone's understanding and shared responsibility in further limiting any entry into District 211 facilities. For any student or parent seeking assistance at one of our school buildings, the doors to our facilities are locked, and we ask that you call prior to going to the school.

The ongoing school closure and limited social contacts can lead to stress or other complicating factors in students' lives. Please know that our school counselors, social workers, and psychologists will remain available by phone or email to support any student or parent.

Non-Attendance Day on Friday, April 10

Please note that **Friday, April 10 remains a non-attendance day for students** on the school calendar. We will have no e-learning sessions on Friday, April 10 and our e-learning will resume on Monday, April 13.

Additionally, with the cancellation of this school year's state testing, all students will have **regular e-learning days on Tuesday, April 14 and Wednesday, April 15 in place of the state exams.**

Graduation and Other Year-End Events

We are deeply saddened by the major disruption and loss of countless student opportunities, events, competitions and celebrations caused by the current health

crisis. The period of mandatory school closure is certain at least through April 30. All extra-curricular athletic and activity events, including all recognition ceremonies scheduled during April have been cancelled. We all are painfully aware that the spring months include many school events during which we celebrate and recognize an array of student achievements and performances. Unfortunately, the ongoing health crisis could also disrupt events that typically occur in May.

Among the most heart-wrenching considerations we must face is the likely impact on our scheduled graduation ceremonies. For weeks, we have weighed and considered potential alternative solutions that might somehow allow us to create these important life moments.

To understand the thoughts and ideas about the graduation events from those directly involved, we seek input from our seniors and their parents related to possible alternate graduation dates and arrangements. To assist us with our planning considerations, we will send a **survey delivered in a separate email message going only to seniors and their families on Thursday, April 9.**

Harper Promise Scholarship Information

Leaders of Harper College and local high school districts worked together to adjust this year's eligibility criteria for students interested in fulfilling qualifications for the **Harper Promise Scholarship program**. Information about how students can meet this year's expectations and remain eligible for the Harper Promise Scholarship, including seniors, is available [here](#). All students involved in the Promise program can expect to receive eligibility information directly from Harper College this week.

District 211 Meal Bag Distribution

Each week that our schools remain closed, High School District 211 will provide an individual bag of food on Thursday for any child in-need. Meal bags will again be available for each student enrolled in District 211 or under the age of 18 in the household tomorrow, Thursday, April 9, at Palatine High School and the G.A. McElroy Administration Center from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m., and at Hoffman Estates High School from 9:00 a.m. until noon. More information on meal bag distribution is available [here](#).

Weekly Communications

We will continue to send you weekly messages with updates and information related to school operations and services throughout the duration of the school closure. Please use the District 211 and school websites to access additional

information regarding the impact of the [Coronavirus in District 211](#), as well as additional information about [District 211 e-learning](#).

My best regards to you and all your family,

Daniel E. Cates
Superintendent

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