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Dear Parents and Students:

I hope this message finds you and your family healthy and secure during these challenging and extraordinary times. The Governor has extended the period of statewide school closure through Tuesday, April 7 with Wednesday, April 8 established as the tentative date targeted for students to return.

This message provides information describing District 211's upcoming delivery of e-learning during the extended statewide school closure and includes information describing how families can access student meal bags, each containing nutritious food for multiple days.

### **E-Learning Will Begin on Monday, March 30**

Last Monday, March 16, our teachers and student services personnel participated in professional development activities in order to deliver an extended period of instruction to students through an electronic platform and to sustain important connections with our students. For years, our instructional model has included an individual iPad for each student, an effective learning management system for connecting students, teachers and parents (Schoology), and our partnership with Sprint has provided free Internet service to hundreds of students without service in their homes.

During the week of March 23 through March 27, students and parents will receive two additional communications. The first will be sent by the District administration and then on Friday, March 27, your school's principal will provide you with helpful information about how we all will begin our e-learning on Monday, March 30. This [link](#) will take you to basic information describing e-learning.

If the statewide school closure extends beyond April 7, you will receive additional communication, and we will continue the District's e-learning instruction throughout the period of closure.

### **Distribution of Meal Bags to Any Student Under 18**

We are mindful that many students and families now experience unforeseen challenges amid circumstances that are difficult to imagine. Our food services personnel and many staff members have worked tirelessly over the past two weeks to distribute thousands of individual meal bags to students, each with multiple days of food. We have heard countless moving accounts from people who helped prepare the thousands of bags, people who helped distribute them and people who have received them.

Our meal distributions will continue into our upcoming designated week of spring vacation, March 23 through March 27. On Thursday, March 26, District 211 will again distribute individual bags of food to any student, including any student under the age of 18 who attends school outside District 211. Families can receive meal bags through grab-and-go locations at Palatine High School, Hoffman Estates High School and at the District 211 Administration Center between 9:00-11:00 a.m. This [link](#) will take you to additional information about the distribution dates and locations.

We are interested in hearing from families who would like to benefit from the program about how we might reach more students with meal bags, and we seek your suggestions via this short [survey](#). We provide better support when we all work together, and we invite your ideas.

High School District 211 will continue to follow recommendations and guidance provided by the State of Illinois, the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). As additional information about the Coronavirus becomes available, including any additional precautions that should be followed, students, parents, staff members and community members will be informed promptly. Once e-learning days begin on March 30, please contact your school nurse's office with any health-related questions or concerns.

Additional information about the Coronavirus is available on the [CDC website](#), as well as the [IDPH website](#). Also, FAQs about the Coronavirus and schools from the IDPH are posted [here](#).

Our schools and all our people contribute significantly to the lives and development of the students in our care. Please know that many people in District 211 are thinking of you during these challenging and uncertain times.

Sincerely,

Daniel E. Cates  
Superintendent

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