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Dear Parents and Students:

All High School District 211 schools remain closed through April 7, 2020 at the order of the Governor in order to help prevent the spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19). On Monday, March 30, the District will begin our e-learning program – also known as remote learning or distance learning – in all District 211 schools and students will continue their learning via e-learning instruction at least through Tuesday, April 7.

We continuously seek the latest guidance surrounding school closures from the Illinois State Board of Education and we will continue to send you weekly messages with confirmed updates.

Until we are able to return students to their full learning experience delivered in our schools by our teachers, student services personnel and many caring staff members, people throughout the District are working diligently to deliver quality learning experiences and to sustain students' connections.

Basics of Daily E-Learning

On each e-learning day, students will be expected to use their school-issued iPad to access Schoology, or a similar online tool identified by individual teachers. Each day, teachers will post the day's assignments no later than 9:00 a.m. On each e-learning day, students should anticipate spending 30-40 minutes to complete the work assigned for each class. Students will have up to five school days to complete and turn in their e-learning assignments.

Each teacher and student services staff member will be available to support students during a designated three-hour window of time between the start time and end time of a typical school day during e-learning. Each teacher's specific three-hour window of availability and the method for contacting the teacher will be communicated to students through Schoology, a similar platform, or in connection with the assignment details.

Students will be responsible for recording their attendance on each e-learning day using the District's student information system, Infinite Campus. Students will indicate their presence by completing an Infinite Campus online form each day between the start time and end time of a typical school day. Step-by-step

instructions describing how students should record their attendance in Infinite Campus are available [here](#).

Students requiring assistance with technical difficulties (i.e., iPad not functioning, unable to access Schoology or other online school resources) can receive assistance through their school's Technology Department HelpDesk. Information about HelpDesk support, including the specific contact information, is available on the [e-learning webpage](#) on the District 211 website.

On Friday, March 27, your school's principal will send you additional information about next week's start of e-learning.

Social and Emotional Support Available During E-Learning Days

Times such as these can cause understandable stress. School counselors, social workers and psychologists will be available to students or parents during our e-learning days. These staff members will be monitoring phone calls and email messages to assist students with academic needs, post-high school planning, and to provide social and emotional support. Beginning Monday, March 30, students and parents can contact the student's counselor, social worker or psychologist for assistance.

Topics in Upcoming Communications

With the school closures extending into April, we recognize that students, parents and staff members may likely have questions regarding the many major events that would typically take place during this time of year. Next week, our District communication will address the statewide assessment (the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test and the Scholastic Aptitude Tests) and matters pertaining to Advanced Placement testing. Future communications will provide clarity surrounding the Harper Promise and various year-end ceremonies and celebrations.

Please continue to check the District 211 and school websites for additional information regarding the impact of the Coronavirus in District 211, as well as additional information about [e-learning](#). Information about the Coronavirus is available on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) [website](#) as well as the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) [website](#).

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Superintendent

You received this electronic communication because you provided your email address to High School District 211. Changes or updates to your email address can be made using [Infinite Campus](#). If you have questions regarding any of the information contained within this email, please call the high school for assistance with your concern.

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