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Dear Students and Parents:

Congratulations to our graduating seniors! You did it! Today marks your final day of high school, and our staff members throughout the District send you and your families our warmest congratulations!

Graduation Celebrations

Our staff members arranged for a number of ways to celebrate our seniors safely amid our shared public health restrictions. Last week, at both Palatine High School and Fremd High School, hundreds of our seniors and many of their families enjoyed our first two graduation parades. Cheering staff members made signs and positioned their cars creating a “route” for seniors and their families to see their teachers and revel in their achievement. Our remaining schools will hold similar parade celebrations in the coming week, and we encourage families to participate in these uplifting festivities.

We continue to hold reservations at the Sears Centre in Hoffman Estates on Saturday, June 20 and Saturday, July 25 as dates on which we would hope to be granted clearance from public health officials to conduct our in-person graduation ceremonies. We anticipate that forthcoming information from the Governor and public health officials will provide definitive guidance as we get closer to these dates.

Each school will also host an online virtual graduation ceremony for the Class of 2020. The ceremonies will take place at the time and date as follows:

Hoffman Estates High School – Thursday, May 14, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

Alternative High Schools – Thursday, May 14, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

Palatine High School – Sunday, May 17, 2020 at 2:00 p.m.

Conant High School – Monday, May 18, 2020 at 7:30 p.m.

Fremd High School – Tuesday, May 19, 2020 at 7:30 p.m.

Schaumburg High School – Wednesday, May 20, 2020 at 7:30 p.m.

Additional details about graduation are available on the [District 211 website](#), including specific web links to each school’s online ceremony. School principals also will be sending families information about diploma distribution.

End of Semester

Today is the last day of remote learning for our seniors while all other students will have their last day of remote learning on Thursday, May 21. Teachers will finalize their grading and related tasks on Friday, May 22. We will make students' report cards available on Friday, May 29 through the Infinite Campus portal.

We encourage students to give their full effort and finish the semester strong. When calculating final grades for the semester, teachers will align student progress during the span of remote learning days with each student's grade earned up to the start of remote learning.

Please remember that [Infinite Campus](#) (IC) includes a summary of a student's grades in each course as of March 16 and prior to remote learning. To access the report in Infinite Campus, select "More" from the left side menu, then select *D211 Student Reports* from the "Quick Links" section and then choose the *As of March 16 In-Progress Report* in the "Select Report" field.

Supporting Students Social-emotional Needs

Our school counselors, social workers and psychologists are always available for students or parents seeking support throughout the remaining days of the school year. We recognize that the stay-at-home order has disrupted many typical personal and family routines. Please know that our student services staff members are poised and glad to assist. If you would like to speak with someone in our student services department, please call or email your child's school counselor and someone will contact you within one school day. In addition to the support available from our own professionals, our staff members are familiar with a range of additional community-based resources to assist.

D211 Meal Bags

Our Food and Nutrition Services Department has been exceptional, distributing nearly 5,000 meal bags each week. Each bag contains breakfasts and lunches for five days, and the bags are available to any student in-need. The next date that meal bags will be available is Thursday, May 14. Drive-thru, no-contact pick-up is available for families at Palatine High School (1111 N. Rohlwing Road in Palatine) and the G.A. McElroy Administration Center (1750 S. Roselle Road in Palatine) from 9:00-11:00 a.m., and at Hoffman Estates High School (1100 W. Higgins Road in Hoffman Estates) from 9:00 a.m. - noon. The District will continue to distribute meal bags each Thursday, at least through June 25. Additional information is available on the [District 211 website](#) and you can email questions to: foodservice@d211.org.

D211 Families in Need Fund

The unprecedented public health pandemic and ongoing stay-at-home order have resulted in economic hardships that have overwhelmed many families within our District 211 communities. Since the time our schools closed, we regularly receive requests from families in financial crisis seeking assistance.

In the spirit of doing all that we can for our fellow students and families, we have established a special fund through the High School District 211 Foundation to assist these families. If you are in a position to assist, we invite you to consider donating to the D211 Families in Need Fund through the Foundation. The secure online donation form is accessible from the [Foundation website](#) or you can send a check to the address listed on the same webpage.

Locker Contents and Personal Possessions

Each school's principal will be communicating details to help parents and students retrieve any personal possessions and locker contents that may have been left at school when schools closed in mid-March. If your son or daughter has any medication stored at the school, we encourage parents to contact your school's nurse directly so that we can make arrangements for the safe return of the medication.

Summer School 2020

Online registration for summer school is available. Parents should use the [Infinite Campus Parent Portal](#) to register a child for a previously requested summer school course. Unfortunately, we will be unable to provide our summer athletic camps this summer.

We will conduct all 2020 summer school academic courses via remote learning. All schools throughout District 211 will follow the same daily schedule with classes starting at 8:00 a.m. and ending at 11:30 a.m., Monday through Thursday each week. Consistent with our standing summer school calendar, summer classes do not meet on Fridays. Semester one will be held from June 2 through June 23 and semester two will be in session from June 24 through July 15.

Parents who have questions about summer school registration or payment options, or who have difficulty accessing the Infinite Campus portal, can contact the student services department at your child's high school for assistance.

Registration for the 2020-2021 School Year

Looking ahead to the next school year, the first day of classes for the 2020-2021 school year will be Thursday, August 13. All students must register for the 2020-2021 school year before they can attend classes in the fall. Online registration for the upcoming school year will begin in mid-July and parents will receive full details about school registration in June. School fees will be payable through the *MySchoolBucks* app. We encourage parents to create an account and become familiar with the free *MySchoolBucks* system. The section below provides more information to assist you.

MySchoolBucks

Many parents are already familiar with the *MySchoolBucks* app given that parents have used this application to pay for student meals. We recently launched the expansion of the *MySchoolBucks* system, and we are pleased to see that over 7,000 parents have already established accounts. If you have not yet created your free *MySchoolBucks* account, please visit the [District 211 website](#) for more information.

In the future, *MySchoolBucks* will be the single system that parents will use to pay for all purchases in District 211, including items such as school meal prepayments, iPad protection plans and repair costs, student parking passes, and more. If you need assistance creating your account, staff members in our student services department will be glad to assist you.

Endings and Beginnings

Each year, as our seniors celebrate their completion and departure, our staff members prepare to welcome a new class of students to District 211. Throughout the District, people in all roles and responsibilities continuously prepare so that we can always deliver the same level of extraordinary experiences to every future student that we have provided our previous students.

Similar to the yearly departure of our seniors and our immediate transition toward our upcoming programming, dedicated and talented employees of all categories who will be retiring this year are preparing for their departure while also supporting the next group of incoming employees and leaders who are already focusing on the next incoming class, summer school and our next school year. As these employees and leaders of all ranks and titles depart, new leaders, teachers and employees will take their place and turn their focus to future improvements. I will be among this group of dedicated staff members who will depart District 211 once our students complete the current school year.

Upon the initial closure of our schools, weekly communication with you has been an important priority. As we approach the end of the school year next week, I will issue my last communication as Superintendent-Elect Dr. Lisa Small and her team of

leaders will seamlessly transition into their new roles and contributions. The future of District 211 is bright as we all continue to get better working together.

Sincerely,

Daniel E. Cates
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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