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## MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

### March 27, 2020

Dear New Lenox School District 122 School Community,

As the spread of COVID-19 continues throughout Illinois, the area Superintendents have agreed it is in the best interest of our students' safety for our districts to remain closed for an additional week through April 13<sup>th</sup>, with our New Lenox 122 students returning to school on Tuesday, April 14<sup>th</sup>. As the Governor continues to monitor the situation, additional days may be added beyond April 13<sup>th</sup>. For now, our district is fully prepared with a refined E-Learning plan to continue our remote learning plan through April 13<sup>th</sup> and beyond if needed.

This past week, the Administration and our teachers have been designing universal lesson plans that incorporate our current instructional materials. The lessons will implement our regular curriculum of content and skills in sequential order. Lessons will be universal per grade level so that all our learners are exposed to the same lessons, materials, resources, and assignments. Thus, all expectations regarding the learning experiences will be the same for each student. This newly revised E-Learning will begin with E-Learning Day 11. An updated chart is below for your reference.

In addition, Day 11 will bring increased communication from our teachers through Seesaw for primary grades and Google Classroom for Grades 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>. The use of these tools will allow teachers to communicate directly with their students by sharing thoughts and collecting assignments. The Administration and teachers are also working on school spirit activities and videos for increased personal experiences.

Although we will be resuming our regular curriculum, we are all cognizant of the fact that every household is unique. Some students will have parents home with them, while others will be home with grandparents or babysitters. All of our staff members understand that many variables will come into play as E-Learning is implemented across the District. I cannot stress enough that our goal is to provide meaningful learning experiences for your children, without creating additional stress and undue burden for our families. Our expectation is that everyone will try to do their best throughout this process. If problems arise, please do not hesitate to contact your teacher or principal for assistance. There will be no right or wrong way. You, as the parents, will determine what is best for your children.

After spring break, you will receive additional information from your principal and teachers for our revised E-Learning. Dr. Cucci, our Director of Curriculum, and her team will continue the use of "links" to lessons and materials for ease of use, with everything being accessible online. This format has proven very successful over the last few weeks. In addition, case managers for some of our students with special needs and services will be reaching out to assign individual lessons if needed and to provide information on accessing related service activities.

Finally, I still find myself in a state of disbelief at times, as I'm sure you do too. But I find peace in the fact our schools have such a strong partnership with our parents. I am hopeful that together we will meet the challenges that face our school community over the next weeks. Let's all remember that our first priority is for the safety of our children. While we all want them to continue learning, we also want to focus on their well-being and happiness during this time. Again, please let us know if you need assistance or support. On behalf of the Board of Education, the Administration, the certified staff, and the support staff, we wish you the best and look forward to seeing everyone sooner than later.

Tuesday	March 17 <sup>th</sup>	Act of God/E Learning Day 1
Wednesday	March 18 <sup>th</sup>	Act of God/E Learning Day 2
Thursday	March 19 <sup>th</sup>	Act of God/E Learning Day 3
Friday	March 20 <sup>th</sup>	Act of God/E Learning Day 4
Monday	March 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Act of God/E Learning Day 5
Tuesday	March 24 <sup>th</sup>	Act of God/E Learning Day 6
Wednesday	March 25 <sup>th</sup>	Act of God/E Learning Day 7
Thursday	March 26 <sup>th</sup>	Act of God/E Learning Day 8
Friday	March 27 <sup>th</sup>	Act of God/Institute Day No E Learning
Monday-Friday	March 30 <sup>th</sup> -April 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Spring Break
Monday	April 6 <sup>th</sup>	Act of God/E Learning-Day 9
Tuesday	April 7 <sup>th</sup>	Act of God/E Learning-Day 10
Wednesday	April 8 <sup>th</sup>	REVISED E-Learning Day 11
Thursday	April 9 <sup>th</sup>	REVISED E-Learning Day 12
Friday	April 10 <sup>th</sup>	Good Friday-No School
Monday	April 13 <sup>th</sup>	No School
Tuesday	April 14 <sup>th</sup>	School Resumes

Thank you,  
 Dr. Peggy Manville  
 Superintendent