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## MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

### March 17, 2020-Questions and Answers

Dear New Lenox School District 122 Parents,

The purpose of this communication is to answer a few questions that we have received today.

#### **Why is the website taking so long to load?**

The good news is that everyone is accessing the E-Learning activities. In addition, we also have people from other districts accessing these activities too. When it was reported that the website was performing slower, Mr. White, the Director of Technology, created a “splash page” to appear first when you log onto the website. The “splash page” allows quick links to the E-Learning lessons and urgent messages from me. The main site is still available and there is a link on the “splash page” to continue to [nlsd122.org](http://nlsd122.org). A quick tip: Restart your computer or use a different browser the first time you try to access the “splash page”.

#### **Why do students have to do the E-Learning activities if the ISBE has deemed these days ACT of GOD days?**

ISBE has always encouraged districts with E-Learning plans to utilize them during this time. Per ISBE- *ISBE strongly encourages all school districts to provide learning opportunities to all students during these Act of God Days through whatever means possible.* However, yes, since ISBE decided to designate these days as ACT of GOD days, the District is not able to count them as instructional days. But, our district felt strongly that we should afford our students the opportunity for continued learning experiences since we had an E-Learning plan in place. To not make these activities available to our students would not be living our mission as educators. However, with that being said, it is up to our parents to decide if they want their children to participate in the E-Learning process. No student will be penalized for not participating.

#### **I have questions about certain programs in the E-Learning plan and/or I am having trouble accessing some of the programs.**

Please email your child’s teacher directly with questions. They will be able to answer them in a timely manner and hopefully fix or address any issue.

#### **Are the school buildings and District Office open?**

As with all businesses throughout the country, the District is allowing the Administration and secretarial support staff to work from home to minimize interaction. However, most of us will be popping in and out of the buildings throughout these two weeks as needed. For instance, everyone was present in the buildings today. I have asked that everyone check email all day and pick up

phone messages throughout the day. This will occur from 8:00 AM-3:00 PM each day, so I am confident that we will be accessible during those times for our parents.

**Will IEP meetings still occur during this time?**

Although special education IEP meetings usually do not occur during ACT of GOD days, our special education administration is working with the parents and teachers to keep the current schedule and utilize video and/or audio conferencing for the meetings. Parents who have IEP meetings scheduled will be contacted by their case managers with next steps.

**Are there resources for helping my child understand COVID-19?**

Yes, links were posted on the front of the website entitled *How to Talk to Your Child About COVID-19*.

**What happens to the lunch money that I already paid?**

All existing lunch funds will be rolled to the April accounts. As a reminder, those students who qualify for free and reduced lunches may pick up a lunch daily at Oakview School from 10:30 AM to 12:00 PM, except on March 27<sup>th</sup>, the Institute Day, and over spring break.

**I am hearing conflicting information on different Facebook pages.**

As always, I ask our parents to go directly to the source-our website, Connect Eds, and the District’s official Facebook page. I will continue to inform parents of any new information or events through my Messages from the Superintendent. I will also do my best to answer any questions that I am hearing throughout the upcoming days.

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>	Return to School

Let me end by saying that I understand that our families may be anxious about many different things during this pandemic. I do not want you, as parents, to worry about anything with our schools. We simply want to provide learning opportunities for your children and hopefully give them fun activities to complete to keep them engaged. While I know it feels like there are “rules”, there are not.

Thank you,

Dr. Peggy Manville  
Superintendent