



Elmwood Community  
School District #322

Dear Elmwood Families,

Governor Pritzker made the announcement today that schools will remain closed through the end of the academic year for 2020. Below is important information on what this means for you and your families.

**No School.** As of today, April 17, 2020, we are not scheduled to come back to school for **the remainder of 2020**. Alternate Learning Days (or Remote Learning) will continue until the final day of school, which is Wednesday, May 20, 2020. Our teachers and staff have done an outstanding job of providing educational direction for their students during this time. It is important for every student to do their part in participating in their activities in order to gain the most educational value possible. For those students that are not completing their work or participating at an acceptable level, the administration is looking at potential scenarios that may include Summer School, loss of credits that could affect expected graduation dates, and other alternatives.

**Lunches.** We will continue to provide lunches for all students in our district free of charge. We will **not** provide lunch on our planned Emergency Days, which take place on May 1, 8, 15. However, we will provide lunches on the Teacher Planning Days (when kids are not expected to be participating in Remote Learning activities) on April 20, April 27, May 4, and May 11. Our lunch distribution program will end on the last day of school, which is Wednesday, May 20, 2020. I want to once again applaud the efforts of our cafeteria staff and bus drivers for all that they have done to make our meal distribution a success!

**Events (Prom, Graduation, Athletics).** The decision to close schools for the remainder of the year brings about the change or cancellation of some very meaningful events. The IHSA is meeting on Tuesday to discuss whether or not the state tournaments for Spring Sports will be played. While no decision has yet been made on what is going to happen with Prom and Graduation, they will, at minimum, not “look” the same as in years past. The District Leadership Team will be discussing our options regarding these two important rites of passage in the days to come.

**Lockers and Materials.** The annual cleaning out of lockers and desks will also look drastically different this year. Our team will once again be exploring options on how to get this accomplished in order to get our students’ materials back to them in an organized fashion. Details will be coming soon.

There has never been a time like this in the history of education. I want to thank all of you for your unwavering support during these crazy times. They are not easy for you as parents, and your efforts to keep your kiddos engaged are so very appreciated. Please stay healthy, and thank you for all you do!!

Educationally Yours,

Dr. Chad M. Wagner – Superintendent  
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