



FSD145

Freeport School District

Dear FSD145 Families and Staff,

I hope this message finds you and your families safe and well. Today, Illinois Gov. JB Pritzker announced that remote learning in Illinois will be extended through the end of the 2019-20 school year.

Although in-person learning has been suspended for the remainder of the year, I assure you our entire staff remains committed to learning and engaging with all students through remote learning, as well as continuing with our food distribution program.

Like you, we are saddened by the reality that our school community will not be able to reconvene in person this school year due to this public health crisis. So many of you have worked so hard to learn and grow in both the classroom and in extracurricular activities that today's announcement may feel like a step back.

However, the final chapter of this school year hasn't been written yet. These past few weeks have proven our school community is more resilient, more capable and more compassionate than maybe what we previously realized. I'm confident our collective strength will shine through during the remainder of the school year, and we will emerge even stronger.

There are several important areas that we have to plan for and will share information once we have established a clear process for how to go about these:

1. Students being able to retrieve their belongings that they left in their lockers and classrooms.
2. Teachers and staff being able to access school buildings to retrieve belongings they might need for summer planning.
3. Transition planning for teachers and staff from Taylor Park Elementary that will be transferring to their new elementary school building and supporting receiving principals on enrollment expansion
4. Adjustments to summer programs and activities including summer university, sports, clubs, etc, if restrictions on crowd gathering continues through June and/or July.

I know this is not the school year that any of us imagined, but I want to thank you for your patience and understanding as we have dealt with this unprecedented situation together. This period of Remote Learning offers us new ways to learn and grow, and out of this Pandemic, we will emerge stronger. Please continue to encourage our students to work on their digital or non-digital activities that are provided to them by their teachers.

It's important we continue to work together and support our students. I can't thank you enough for all that you are doing as we all work together through this.

Be safe. Stay healthy.

Dr. Anna Alvarado, Superintendent of Schools