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**March 21, 2020 10:00am**

Dear North Shore School District 112 Staff and Community,

As you may have heard or read, yesterday Governor Pritzker issued an executive order requiring residents to “stay at home” effective today, March 21 at 5:00 pm, through the end of April 7. For more information on the order, click these two links: **[Executive Order 2020-10 – Stay-at-Home FAQs](#)**

As part of the Governor’s order, he announced that all schools in Illinois will remain closed, with a new tentative reopening date of April 8. On March 12, I ordered all schools in North Shore School District 112 closed until further notice, with a possible reopening date of April 14, this is still our tentative plan.

We recognize that this development of the stay at home order may raise questions about the impact on students, staff, and families as well as the school’s vital role of providing meals to students and families while schools are closed. Thanks to the outstanding work of the Moraine Township Food Pantry (and countless volunteers) our children will be fed this week during spring break. District 112 food service partner Organic Life will resume meal preparation and distribution operations on 3/30/2020.

During this stay at home order, essential school personnel may still report to work as long as they are practicing social distancing. We want you to know the governor’s office has assured school districts that school personnel involved in providing meals will not be in violation of the governor’s executive order and that we can, and should, continue with our program, which has had a tremendous impact in making sure our students are not going hungry while school is closed.

In addition, the governor has made it clear that, while he’s serious about using social distancing to slow the spread of COVID-19, he wants residents to still be able to work, shop at grocery stores, put gas in their cars, take walks outside and get medication from the pharmacy. Rest assured, we are committed to doing our best to provide meals and

deliver continuity of education. We anticipate further guidance and details from the Illinois State Board of Education next week regarding updated details about education related matters.

Please use this opportunity to focus on staying safe and helping to slow the spread of the virus. As always, thank you for your patience and support as we all work through the COVID-19 Pandemic. As you have seen, this situation is evolving rapidly. As events unfold, we will continue to communicate in a timely and transparent manner. There will be no iPad or material pick up until after March 30. We are taking this stay at home order very seriously and we will do our part to flatten the curve.

As a reminder, we've been focused on the following four priorities in this evolving pandemic crisis:

**Priority one** - feed our families and children

**Priority two** - account for the extended safety, health, and welfare of our 4500 students and staff

**Priority three** - communicate clearly

**Priority four** - e-Learning

Thanks to the incredible efforts of many in the District, we started the first phase of e-learning several weeks before we initially planned to do so. Everyone has an “all hands on deck” mindset as we adapt to this fast moving and ever changing landscape with COVID-19.

Please stay safe & healthy.

Sincerely,

*Mike*

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