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Dear North Shore School District 112 Parents & Guardians,

Today we sent out a log on information for Educere, our new online virtual course program for use during this prolonged school closure. If your student did not get an email, please contact support@nssd112.org. Initially, we were going to launch this March 30, and due to all of the news of social-distancing, and restaurant & large retail store closures, etc., we thought we would get this in your student's hands as soon as possible since "spring break" may no longer be the "break" or vacation that any of you expected.

From their website, *"Educere offers 5,000 plus virtual courses from over 40 education providers, but it is our personalized education services that K-12 customers rely upon."* In District 112, we are starting with math, science, social studies, and language arts at 1st-5th grade, and at the middle school level, we added Spanish or French where appropriate. While these courses are standards-aligned, some are not directly linked to our District 112 scope and sequence meaning some content may be review and some content may be new.

This whole concept of "E-Learning" is new, and we do not expect your child to "jump in" and start going through each and every lesson right away. Our step-by-step approach to our 4th Priority is to start with options for self-paced content exploration so we can offer you standards-aligned content as we transition from "normal school" to "extended off-site education".

Part one is now, with the content on our [websites](#) as well as the launch of K-2 iPads at home and the roll-out of Educere and Imagine Learning. We are all going through this transition together, and while we do not yet have a clear syllabus or checklist for you, we are aiming to help you get started and engage your child in meaningful work while we are out of school.

Over the next few weeks, we are going to train our teachers on Zoom web conferencing, OTUS, and SeeSaw Learning Management Systems so that if we do not resume “normal” school by April 14, we’ll be able to transition to more teacher-directed instruction.

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we make District 112 a “virtual and extended learning organization” during this Pandemic.

More communication, guidance, and instructions will be shared with you in the coming days from Dr. Kevin Ryan, Assistant Superintendent of Teaching & Learning and his team.

As a reminder, our four priorities are: • 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

With regards and appreciation,

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