## FRANKLIN PARK PUBLIC SCHOOLS

The mission of Franklin Park School District 84 is to provide all our children a quality education within a safe and nurturing environment that motivates them to be lifelong learners and morally responsible citizens.



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Dr. David H. Katzin, Superintendent

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Dear Parents,

As I am certain you are aware, on Friday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, Governor Pritzker issued an executive order requiring residents to "stay at home" through April 7<sup>th</sup>. As part of this order, he announced that schools will continue to remain closed across the state, with a new tentative reopening date of April 8<sup>th</sup>. Please note that this new date is <u>tentative</u> and subject to further postponement, depending upon the status of the current health crisis.

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

As a reminder, the district's regularly scheduled spring break will begin on Monday, March 30<sup>th</sup> and will run through Monday, April 6<sup>th</sup>. As is the case under normal spring break circumstances, there will be no classes in session at that time (this includes the e-learning program). However, I am pleased to announce that our <u>meal services will continue uninterrupted during the break</u>.

I recognize that, under the current calendar and statewide closure, we are left with Tuesday, April 7<sup>th</sup> as an oddly placed, single e-learning day before "normal" school is set to resume. It is important to note, though, that this whole situation is evolving quite rapidly and is still very subject to change. As events unfold, we will continue to communicate in a timely and transparent manner. And, if we are fortunate enough to actually return to school on the 8<sup>th</sup>, that final e-learning day will certainly have a celebratory feel to it!

In the meantime, your most important task is to please focus on staying safe and helping slow the spread of the virus. As always, thank you for your patience and support as we all work through the COVID-19 pandemic.

Sincerely,

David Katzin

Superintendent