

Dear Parents and Guardians:

As we reach the end of our scheduled spring break, I want to take this time to give you an update and a few reminders.

With the rise of confirmed cases in the state and in our local community, we await further instructions from the Governor and the State Superintendent about further mandatory closure. This directive is expected soon. In the meantime, I am extending the closure in District 91 beyond the scheduled return date of April 8. We were scheduled to be off on April 10 and April 13 as previously approved nonattendance days. It does not make sense to return for April 8 and 9 and take the risk of exposure for two attendance days. **District 91 will remain closed at least until Tuesday, April 14.**

Next week we will resume e-Learning. Our teachers will be providing instruction and will be accessible to students from 8:00 am until 1:00 pm. During this time, students will be accessing lessons via Google Classroom, Zoom and other formats as instructed by your teachers. Your child's teacher will provide more information about how to access these lessons. An attendance Google document will be shared with you that we ask that you complete each day during e-Learning by 2:00 pm so that we can gage participation by our students. If your child is in first or second grade and you do not have a device (for example a computer or tablet) and need one, please email your principal by the end of the day on Monday, March 30. We will arrange a Chromebook pick up date for those that need one.

We will again be providing free lunch to those that need it from 11:00 until noon at Garfield, 543 Hannah, and the rear gym entrance (Door 15) of Forest Park Middle School, 900 block of Ferdinand. If you come to get lunches, please assist us with practicing social distancing and do not move around the table that is placed in front of the doors. We will place the lunches on the table for you to pick up.

I strongly encourage you to let your children out of the house and let them play and get some fresh air and exercise. Keep in mind, however, that congregating on the playground equipment at the schools is not a good idea. We still need to practice social distancing and remain isolated from others at this time. Also, we are not cleaning and disinfecting the playground equipment daily at the schools. I need to also remind you that the Park District facilities remain closed.

I know that this is a challenging time for everyone. I will do my best to continue to provide updates and new information as I receive it. Hang in there and please let me know if I can help.

Stay safe and healthy,

Lou Cavallo

