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Dear Families of Cook County School District 130,

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 2019-2020 school year.

Although in-person learning has been suspended for the remainder of the year, I can assure you that our entire staff at Cook County School District 130 remains committed to engaging with all students through remote learning opportunities.

We will also continue to offer free lunches to all of our families at Nathan Hale Primary School and Veterans Memorial Middle School from 11:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. on scheduled school days.

Like you, we are saddened by the reality that our school community will not be able to reconvene in person due to this public health crisis.

However, we should not see this as a step backward in any way. These past few weeks have served as evidence of the overwhelming resiliency and compassion found throughout our entire community. We must use these newly honed capabilities to strengthen our partnership to help our children continue their growth and development – academically, physically, and emotionally – in preparation for next school year.

I am confident our collective strength will shine through during the remainder of the school year, and we will emerge even stronger.

Having said that, today's announcement will result in significant and multiple scheduling changes in our district. As this announcement about the end of the school year was just made by Governor Pritzker this afternoon, it will take us a few days to sort out the many schedule details that are on the books, including but not limited to promotion, graduation, collection of personal items.

I want to thank you in advance for the patience and understanding that you are affording us at this time.

I know this is not the school year that any of us imagined. This period of remote learning offers us new ways to learn and grow, and we will only emerge from this stronger – together.

Thank you for prioritizing the health and safety of your children. I also appreciate how you are balancing the demands of your family and work with the learning opportunities provided by our teachers on a daily basis. I cannot thank you enough for all that you are doing as we all work together through this.

As always, thank you for partnering with us to keep our students healthy and learning at this time!

Sincerely,

Colleen M. McKay, Ed.D
Superintendent