



# COOK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 130

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Dear Families of the Cook County School District 130,

As we continue with remote learning through the end of the 2019-2020 school year, I want to thank you for your continued support of your child's education while maintaining the balance of family and other responsibilities. The continued growth and development of our children districtwide is possible because of your dedication to a partnership with our teachers, schools, and districtwide learning community.

Starting last week, we began a systematic monitoring of regular student and family engagement. During these times, we want to continue contact to ensure the safety and health of our students and all of the members of your household. While our teachers will conduct specific live lessons via remote platforms to all of their students, we recognize that each family has unique situations and contexts to balance. As a result, we have asked our teachers to look for other ways that our students and families are engaging outside of these "live" lessons – email communications, Google Classroom conversations, phone calls, text messages, assignment submissions, app usage, etc. If we do not hear from a student or family, we do become concerned, and as a result, we will be conducting well-being checks through partnership with local authorities, postal services, and possible house visits.

In addition, we have moved to a Pass/Incomplete grading system for our fourth quarter based on the work submitted by our students in Grades K-8. Our teachers will return any work with feedback and suggestions for improvement if it does not meet the determined learning objectives. All information will be accessible online, through the Parent Portal of PowerSchool. We have included a letter in this mailing that guides you through how to access this information.

Parent Portal is another layer of communication between you and our staff in order to support the continued growth and development of our students. It provides opportunity to access real-time information about your child's progress not just through the remainder of the fourth quarter – but for the remainder of time that your child is with Cook County School District 130. You can set up email notifications, add all of your K-8 children who attend CCSD130 to one account, more readily contact your child's teacher, and also begin the registration process for the 2020-2021 school year.

If you already have an active Parent Portal account, please continue to use it. If you need to recover your password, provide your username and email address so that the system can send you an email with a security token that is active for 30-minutes following the authentication of your information.

Please also continue to maintain contact with our schools and staff as they will be sharing information in the upcoming weeks about the pick-up of personal belongings for your child.

Please take the time to review the additional materials in this mailing regarding:

- Registration for the 2020-2021 school year for all of our families with students in seventh grade or lower;
- Updates regarding graduation for our families of eighth grade students;
- Completion of Census 2020

Thank you again for your continued partnership in keeping our students healthy and learning at this time!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Colleen M. McKay". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Colleen M. McKay, Ed.D.

Superintendent

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