



# COOK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 130

## *District Office*

12300 S. Greenwood Avenue  
Blue Island, IL 60406

Telephone: (708) 385-6800  
Facsimile: (708) 385-8467

---

December 8, 2020

Dear Cook County School District 130 Family and Community Members:

The Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) established an eLearning pilot in 2015. Public Act 101-0012 enacted on July 1, 2019, allows school districts to utilize eLearning for no more than five school days per year and would count as attendance days without the need to add emergency days to the end of the school year.

In March of 2020, a District committee assembled to begin exploring the feasibility of eLearning for Cook County School District 130. The purpose of the committee was to help build and guide the creation of an eLearning Plan and ways to effectively meet the needs of learners. Additionally, the committee will continue to meet to reflect, make modifications, and make changes if mandated by the State.

The purpose of the Cook County School District 130 eLearning Day Plan is to allow student instruction to continue electronically when students are not physically present at school for emergency days. This plan addresses the eLearning Plan requirements as determined by statute and ISBE. Faculty and staff will leverage the District's one-to-one resources to provide students with relevant, meaningful, and manageable learning tasks which all students can complete when a short-term closure occurs due to weather or other building-related concerns.

The many benefits of eLearning include:

- the assurance of the safety of students and staff on inclement weather/emergency days,
- the maintenance of the school calendar (avoiding emergency make-up days at the end of the academic year),
- the promotion of learning experiences beyond the school and classroom walls,
- the inclusion of digital tools and 21st Century learning opportunities, and
- the promotion of student engagement in and ownership of their own learning.

The Board of Education of Cook County School District 130 will hold a virtual Public Hearing on Thursday, December 17, 2020, at 6:15 p.m. at Veterans Memorial Middle School Media Center located at 12320 Greenwood Ave, Blue Island, Illinois 60406. Public comments may be submitted to [comments@district130.org](mailto:comments@district130.org) during the Public Hearing. The purpose of the hearing will be to receive public comment on the proposed eLearning Plan, which if approved, will permit students to receive instruction electronically while not physically present in lieu of the District's scheduled emergency days. This plan is allowed under Public Act 101-0012. Notification of this hearing is provided to families and is posted in the newspaper 10 days prior to the scheduled Public Hearing. If approved, the eLearning program will be implemented for a three-year term.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Colleen M. McKay".

Colleen M. McKay, Ed.D.  
Superintendent