



COOK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 130

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Dear Parents and Guardians of Cook County School District 130,

As the season of giving thanks begins, I want to express my appreciation for your support of your child's continued learning while balancing your own personal and professional responsibilities. Your child's growth and development are shaped by your dedication and positive encouragement during these difficult times. Thank you for partnering with our staff and schools!

At the urging of the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) and in response to the increased transmission of COVID-19 in our state and in our communities, our teachers, paraprofessionals, secretaries, and building leadership will continue to work off-site while offering remote learning opportunities for our students on a daily basis. As a result, please note that email is the best way to remain in contact with our school employees.

As a reminder, "live" synchronous learning is occurring Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday during regular school hours. Attendance is taken throughout each day. On Wednesdays, our students are expected to participate in "live" meetings at both the beginning and the end of the day. Additionally, various staff members will set up times to support and enrich your child on these mostly asynchronous learning days. As always, school attendance is critical, and I appreciate your continued efforts to ensure your child is logged on and ready to learn.

Throughout this remote teaching and learning experience, we have been tracking positivity rates for the four communities served by our District. It is important that we all do our part, to the best of our abilities, to decrease the spread of COVID-19 by adhering to IDPH guidelines and suggestions. As I write this, the following information is reported for our communities:

Community <i>Zip Code</i>	7-day rolling average positivity rate <i>as of November 12, 2020</i>	Consecutive days at or above the IDPH warning level: 8.00%
Alsip 60803	21.15%	34 days
Blue Island 60406	18.78%	23 days
Crestwood 60418	14.04%	26 days
Robbins 60472	16.54%	8 days
CCSD130 60406, 60418, 60472, 60803	18.41%	33 days

Above information is from: <http://covid-dashboard.fsm.northwestern.edu/>

As of November 12, 2020, the Illinois statewide average positivity rate is reported as **12.80%**, and the suburban Cook County (Region 10) positivity rate was last reported as **13.70%** on November 9, 2020. All four of our communities are above these averages, and we encourage you to take the necessary safety precautions to keep you and your family safe as we go into the holiday season.

Every fall, we release information regarding the state summative designations for each of our schools. These determinations are calculated using attendance, state assessment, and other various measures from the previous school year. Because of the statewide closures in the spring of 2020, the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) recognizes that schools were greatly impacted by COVID-19, and as a result, no new designations were calculated for this school year.



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All schools across the state maintained their 2018-2019 summative designation. The historical designations for all Cook County School District 130 schools can be seen in the chart below:

School	2017-2018 Designation	2018-2019 Designation	2019-2020 Designation
Everett F. Kerr Middle School	Commendable	Commendable	Commendable
George Washington School	Commendable	Commendable	Commendable
Lincoln Elementary School	Commendable	Commendable	Commendable
Nathan Hale Intermediate School	Commendable	Commendable	Commendable
Nathan Hale Middle School	Targeted	Commendable	Commendable
Nathan Hale Primary School	Exemplary	Targeted	Targeted
Paul Revere Intermediate School	Commendable	Commendable	Commendable
Paul Revere Primary School	Commendable	Commendable	Commendable
Veterans Memorial Middle School	Targeted	Commendable	Commendable
Whittier School	Targeted	Commendable	Commendable

More information is available at: www.illinoisreportcard.com

The ISBE calculations have changed as more measures are included, and due to COVID-19, different calculations are expected to be applied to schools for the current 2020-2021 school year.

The purpose of data collection and the assignment of summative designations is to encourage communications about how to continuously improve our work as educators. Thus, when a site is identified as “targeted,” the state provides additional educational funding to implement strategies and to provide resources that positively impact the student populations identified as needing additional support. Teams at sites that have previously been identified as “targeted” work closely with District administration to support teaching and learning and to maximize the proper use of the additional ISBE funds.

We are proud of the efforts of our staff in all our schools. Our Prekindergarten and Early Childhood programs have been recognized as recipients of the 2020 Gold Circle of Quality. This award, along with a renewed focus on reviewing our practices and approaches with kindergarten, will lead to increased foundational knowledge, skills, and success for our youngest learners in the upcoming years and beyond.

While we may not be in our schools physically, our focus remains on providing high-quality service and education to the students and families of our community! Again, I want to thank you for your partnership in keeping our students healthy and learning at this time!

Sincerely,

Colleen M. McKay, Ed. D.
Superintendent