



March 15, 2020

Good Afternoon SD 308 Families,

This has been an incredibly busy time as we determine the best way to keep our students, staff and community safe. As the Governor mandated, all Illinois schools will remain closed through March 30. Our teachers and staff have worked very hard over the last few days to assemble numerous learning opportunities for students to use while school is closed. Those resources will be finalized tomorrow and information will be distributed to all families Monday afternoon. There are still many questions regarding this unprecedented closure, and we are working diligently to get accurate information to you as quickly as possible. At this time we can provide you the information below:

- All days that are missed during this closure, that were not previously scheduled as part of Spring Break, will be considered Acts of God days, meaning they will not be made up.
- Food service is ongoing to all students in our district. Meals can be picked up daily, Monday - Friday, including through Spring Break, from 8:30am-9:30am. Pick-up is available at Thompson Junior High School and Oswego East High School. There is no cost to any enrolled SD 308 student for these meals. We will communicate any additional distribution points as they are added.
- Much of our learning for students in Junior High and High School will be based online. If your student(s) do not have access to a tablet, computer or phone that they can use while school is not in session, a limited number of devices will be available for check-out at the District Administration Center between 4:00 and 6:00pm on Monday, March 16th. If you need to check-out a device, please enter door 3 at the District Administrative Center (4175 Rt. 71, Oswego).
- Administrators will be in the school buildings Monday, March 16- Friday, March 20. If medications are needed during the closure, please pick them up this week. While there are no plans to close the school offices at this time, students and parents are encouraged to get any items they may need during the closure out of the school on Monday, in the event that the situation changes.
- The schools and district offices will be closed during Spring Break, March 23-30.
- This unexpected closure and change to daily life can cause anxiety in children. Please access [this resource](#) for tips on talking with your children about COVID-19.
- Many area businesses and groups have indicated they wish to help those in need during this time. If you need assistance with food, running basic errands, internet access, and more, please see our ongoing list of resources at www.sd308.org/COVID19.

While schools are closed, all sports, activities, performances, etc., are suspended. Students and staff will not have access to school buildings, only designated personnel will be present in the main office areas.

Thank you for your support as we aim to do what is best for our students and our community. We appreciate your assistance, and will communicate updates to you often.

Sincerely,

Dr. John W. Sparlin
Superintendent of Schools