



PROSPECT HEIGHTS SCHOOL DISTRICT 23

Distance Learning Plan Update March 27, 2020

UPDATED SCHOOL CLOSURE INFORMATION

The Governor has extended school closures through April 7, 2020. All District 23 Schools and Programs will remain CLOSED as directed. We continue to recommend that families plan and prepare for an extended closure.

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Friday, March 27, 2020

Dear District 23 Families, Staff and Students,

As of the writing of this message, we have not yet had new guidance from the State or Governor, so we are moving forward with the intention of providing as much time for planning as possible for our families. We do anticipate an announcement within the next few days.

In the mean time, let me start by saying THANK YOU for being amazing partners as we navigate this unprecedented period of time. We have already seen many wonderful examples of students, parents, and staff all connecting and communicating.

I know this is a lengthy communication, but PLEASE READ it thoroughly as we're trying to consolidate our messages to streamline and minimize the crush of notices in your INBOX!

For the window of **March 30 - April 7th**, we are going to continue with our implementation of Distance Learning Days as we did before Spring Break. We have made some modifications based upon feedback from students, parents, and staff. These are detailed below.

Please keep in mind that our intention is NOT to cause additional stress or anxiety during this time. Rather, to provide some connection, consistency, and continuation of instruction.

We are also making modifications to our Meal Distribution for ANY student under the age of 18. This information is also outlined below. We have designated times for pick up at MacArthur and also at remote locations.

As a parent to a high school and college student, I am also supporting Distance Learning at home. My wife and two daughters are all teachers and planning and providing Distance Learning for their students, so I also witness firsthand the dedication of our educators.

I am #Proud2BD23 because of the focus on students, the innovation, the flexibility, the professionalism, and the collaboration that I have witnessed in our District over the past few weeks. Please know that we are all working together to monitor and modify our Distance Learning and Student Meal Plans to best meet the needs of our students, staff, and families. As information becomes available, I will certainly keep you posted as soon as possible.

Stay Safe,

Don Angelaccio, Ed.D.
Superintendent

Message from Dr. Amy Zaher, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction

Distance Learning Continues

Governor Pritzker has declared that our schools will remain closed until April 7th. Our teachers and staff members are committed to connecting with our students to provide support in two ways:

First and most importantly, during these times of isolation, we are asking our staff members to connect with the students “Live” and “On Demand” via virtual platforms such as [Google Meet](#) or [Padlet](#) as well as our learning management systems such as Schoology, SeeSaw, Google Classroom and email. Social distancing does not and should not be social isolation. Our staff members care about our students, and they miss them. This is one way we can connect the teachers and their classmates to your child(ren). We understand if students are not able to “attend” one of these video meetings. We know that students and parents are juggling a lot of things right now and might not be able to meet. We simply want to try to provide more opportunities to connect.

The second goal of our Distance Learning Plan is to continue to provide our students with opportunities to learn and be engaged while at home. We have heard you and appreciate your feedback from our surveys. These times may be very challenging for both our parents and our students, so we are providing more flexibility in the amount of work we are asking of our students as well as a reduction

I will teach you in a room
I will teach you now on Zoom
I will teach you in a house
I will teach you with my mouse
I will teach you here or there
I will teach because I care ❤️
We all want to keep our students safe, and we will get through this together.



in grading and suggested due dates/times.

For students with IEP's or 504 Plans, special education teachers and related services staff members have reached out to provide students with activities specific to the specialty area. Based on your feedback, we will streamline our approach as we move forward to help families receive the information and support in a more efficient way.

Attendance will continue to be recorded via the forms on this [document](#). This is required for our reporting to the State and to monitor student needs. Parents may "sign in" their child for the next day if that works better in your schedule.

Student and family privacy are also very important to us, so as we increase the number of LIVE meetings, we ask parents to be mindful of the setting and backgrounds of students' videos and limit access for family members other than parents and the student. Please also continue to monitor your child's online presence and support them in using the technology appropriately.

As a reminder, you will find our Distance Learning Plan as well as the daily activities posted on [Distance Learning Landing Page](#) or the [D23 Distance Learning Webpage](#). Educators will post their learning experiences/assignments by no later than 9:00 a.m. on the Distance Learning day.

District 23 DISTANCE LEARNING PRESENTATION

Dr. Amy M. Zaher
Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction



An update on our Distance Learning Plan was presented to our Board of Education. You may view the presentation [by clicking this link](#).

Message from Mrs. Amy McPartlin, Chief School Business Official

MEAL DISTRIBUTION

Dear District 23 Families,

The District 23 Food Services team has been working diligently to ensure our students and families are supported during this unexpected time. Each week schools are closed, our team plans to bag breakfast and lunch for the week and set up pickup/distribution times. This is available for ALL District 23 families.



Please note that all staff and volunteers will be practicing social distancing and following the 10 or less people in a space rule as they pack the bags of food. The dates and times and directions for picking up food for the coming week are as follows:

Wednesday, April 1, Noon - 3:00 pm
(Weekly on Wednesdays, thereafter)

MacArthur Middle School (Cafeteria Entrance)

Thursday, April 2, 9:00am - 10:00am

(Weekly on Thursdays, thereafter)

School Bus Deliveries at the Following Locations:

Pleasant Run/Forums (At Pool Entrance)

Wine Tree Apartments (At Tennis Courts)

VIP Apartments (At Cornell Entrance)

PICK-UP DIRECTIONS *PLEASE READ THOROUGHLY*

1. Pull up to the location or into the parking lot as if you are doing drop-off/pick-up for your child at MacArthur, using the loop to create a line in front of the cafeteria. Please follow the cones!
2. Remain in the car with your windows closed. A District 23 team member will come to you.
3. Indicate with your hands how many students (age 18 and below) you are picking up for.
4. Pop your trunk.
5. Please have a large box or bin in your trunk for the meals to be loaded into.
6. The District 23 team member will place the meals in your trunk and you can then drive home.

NOTE: There are items that will need to be refrigerated. Please go home and place the items in your refrigerator.

Should you have any questions, or require additional assistance, please call the District Office at (847) 870-3850.



An update on our Student Meal Distribution Plan was presented to our Board of Education. You may view the presentation [by clicking this link.](#)

Creating Opportunities that Inspire ALL Students to Grow as learners, individuals, and citizens.