



# PROSPECT HEIGHTS SCHOOL DISTRICT 23

## Distance Learning Plan Update April 22, 2020

### UPDATED SCHOOL CLOSURE INFORMATION

**The Governor has extended school closures through the end of this school year.  
All District 23 Schools and Programs will remain CLOSED as directed.**

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Wednesday April 22, 2020

Dear District 23 Families, Staff and Students,

I hope this message finds you and your families safe and well. As you know, Illinois Gov. JB Pritzker announced that remote learning in Illinois will be extended through the end of the 2019-20 school year.

Although in-person learning has been suspended for the remainder of the year, at District 23, I assure you our entire staff remains committed to learning and engaging with all students through remote learning, as well as continuing with our food distribution program.

Like you, we are saddened by the reality that our school community will not be able to reconvene in person this school year. So many of you have worked so hard to learn and grow in both the classroom and in extracurricular activities that this announcement may feel like a step back.

However, the final chapter of this school year hasn't been written yet. These past few weeks have proven our school community is more resilient, more capable and more compassionate than maybe what we previously realized. I'm confident our collective strength will shine through during the remainder of the school year, and we will emerge even stronger.

Having said that, this closure will result in significant and multiple scheduling changes in our district. We will continue to update our Distance Learning Plan and provide information about many topics of interest, including end of year celebrations, 8th grade promotion, etc. Please be patient as we develop and communicate these plans. Below you will find our latest updates and guidance for families.

I know this is not the school year that any of us imagined, but I want to thank you for your patience and understanding as we have dealt with this unprecedented situation together. This period of Distance Learning offers us

new ways to learn and grow, and out of this pandemic, we will emerge stronger. Plans will be underway soon for the return to safe in-person learning next school year.

It's important we continue to work together and support our students. I can't thank you enough for all that you are doing as we all work together through this.

Sincerely,

Don Angelaccio, Ed.D.  
Superintendent

## Distance Learning Plan Updates

**First and most importantly,** the graphic here has been circulating on Facebook among teachers as a reminder of what is MOST IMPORTANT during this time.

We want to reinforce the message that YOU should make the decision for what is best for your child and family. It is our goal to keep students engaged in meaningful learning activities and to stay connected. For some families, what we have provided is already overwhelming. For others, we have not provided enough. Whatever your position, please know that helping your child to feel safe and as "stress free" as possible, will help them restart and reengage whenever in person instruction begins.

To support parents, our Social Workers and Psychologists have developed Social Emotional Resources that you may find helpful. Click the button below to access that website.

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.

[Social Emotional Resources Website](#)

### Calendar:

Given the fact that Distance Learning will be our instructional method for the remainder of the year, we have adjusted the calendar to reflect the addition of five Teacher Planning Days. Each planning day will be a day off for students, with no attendance required. The Distance Learning Plan Committee determined that the best use of these days will be on the FRIDAYS in MAY.



Dear Parents,



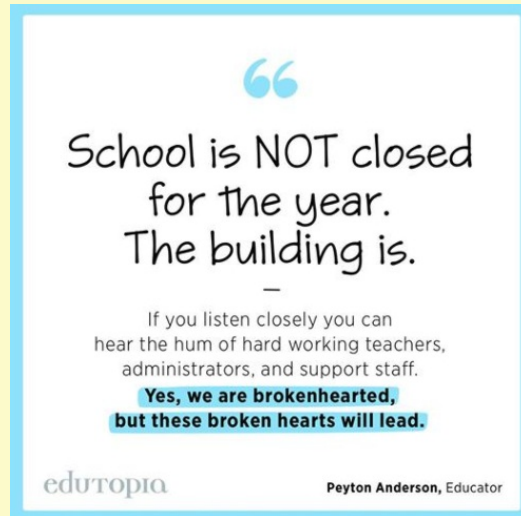
**Don't stress about schoolwork. In September, I will get your children back on track. I am a teacher and that's my superpower. What I can't do is fix social-emotional trauma that prevents the brain from learning. So right now, I just need you to share your calm, share your strength, and share your laughter with your children. No kids are ahead. No kids are behind. Your children are exactly where they need to be.**

With love,  
All the teachers on planet Earth.



Therefore, there will be **NO SCHOOL on May 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29.**

This will give staff time to complete final student reports, develop sections for next school year, and engage in grade-to-grade transition meetings.



### **End of the School Year:**

We are making plans for our process of closing out the school year, including plans for End of Year Celebrations and 8th Grade promotion because we know how important these life events are for students and families. We will share information as soon as possible.

We are also making arrangements for students/parents to come to school to retrieve any personal items, clean out lockers, etc. This information will be sent by our principals who are working to collaborate with our Buildings and Grounds department and one another. We

want to ensure a safe and efficient process, being respectful of parents' time.

Lastly, we want to remind our students that even though we are beginning the process of "closing" out our school year, that we want them to continue to be engaged and participate in our learning activities.

### **Summer Programming:**

We are in the planning stages of our Special Education Extended School Year (ESY). We do not yet have clear guidance whether this program will be allowed to meet in person, or conducted via Distance Learning. We will share information with families as soon as we are able to do so.

## **MEAL DISTRIBUTION**

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:

**Wednesdays, Noon - 3:00 pm**  
**MacArthur Middle School (Cafeteria Entrance)**

**Thursdays 9:00am - 10:00am**  
**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.

REGISTRATION FOR 2020-21 SCHOOL  
YEAR OPENS APRIL 8!

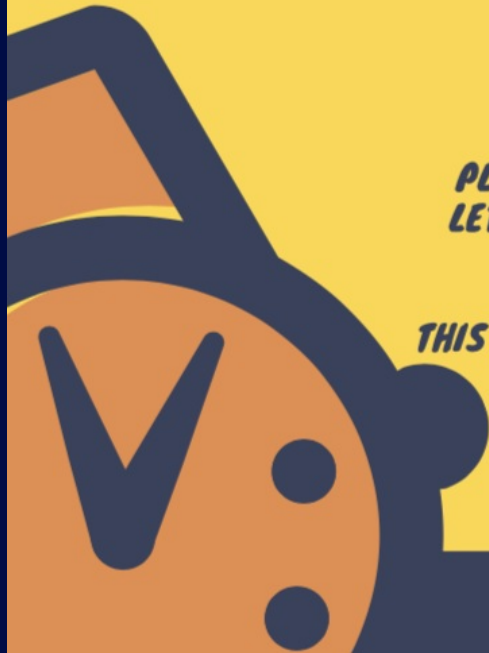


***DON'T DELAY!***

***REGISTER BY  
MAY!***

***PLEASE USE THE LINK AND SNAPCODE IN THE  
LETTER MAILED HOME IN MARCH TO COMPLETE  
YOUR REGISTRATION BY MAY 1ST.***

***THIS HELPS US TO PLAN AND SHARE INFORMATION  
WITH FAMILIES IN A TIMELY MANNER.***



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