



PROSPECT HEIGHTS SCHOOL DISTRICT 23

UPDATES: All District 23 Schools and Programs will be CLOSED Monday, March 16 through Monday, March 30

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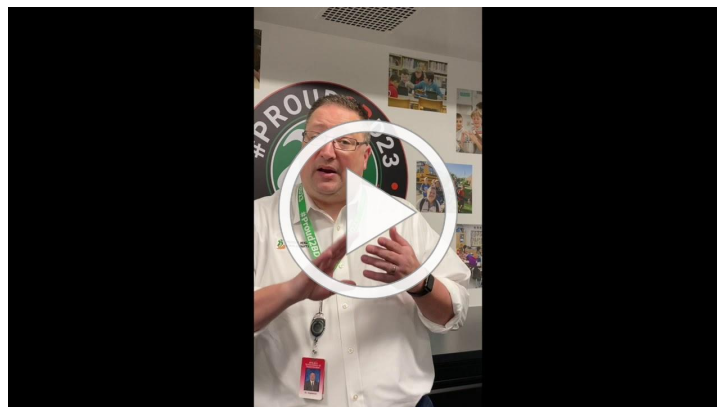
Dear District 23 Families, Staff and Students,

District 23, along with School Districts across the State, is about to embark upon an unprecedented journey together with the students and families of our community. Starting tomorrow, March 17th, we will begin a new chapter in our history as we launch our Distance Learning Plan.

Admittedly, this plan has been developed and will be launched without many of the recommended input, notice, trainings, and supports for students, parents, and even our teachers, in order to meet this new challenge. Our plan is not perfect and we will certainly continue to refine and revise, learning from each day of implementation.

This plan was developed, however, in the spirit of serving the needs of our students and families. As educators, we are committed to providing some sense of consistency during this time of uncertainty and opportunities to engage in learning activities to help our children make the best use of their time.

I ask parents to view and share the following video message address to our students. Below the video, this letter continues with more news and updates.



Updates:

- **New Closure Date:** Over the weekend, Governor Pritzker declared a mandatory school closure. While we had already taken that action, the Governor's dates now require us to be closed **Monday, March 16 through Monday, March 30, 2020**. At this time, we are scheduled to

reopen on Tuesday, March 31st.

- **Parents should prepare**, however, for the possibility that school closures will continue following this initial window. I am in frequent contact with the Illinois Department of Public Health, local and State officials, and neighboring School Districts. We will share any changes to our plans AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
- **Links Open:** We will open the Distance Learning Plan and all associated links at 5:00pm today. Attendance and Distance Learning Activities will begin on **Tuesday, March 17**.
- **Access to Buildings:** During our period of closure, there will be limited access to D23 facilities. If you find that your child has forgotten a critical learning material at school, please contact your child's principal via email to explore options for retrieving that item.
- **Resources for Parents:** We continue to update and add new resources to our Coronavirus Information Site located on our District website, www.d23.org. This includes recommendations from the CDC regarding social distancing and links to available digital tools.
- **Meals for Students:** We are working to provide non-perishable meals in accordance with the National School Lunch Program and will share distribution locations and schedules as soon as possible.
- **Fundraising and Food Drives:** We are also working with our community partners to facilitate donations to support our families in need. At this time we recommend making contributions to this cause: <http://www.wheelingtownship.com/Food-Pantry>
If necessary, we may develop our own District 23 specific Drive at a later date.

Over the past week, our administrators, Board, teachers and staff have demonstrated remarkable dedication and amazing innovation. I thank them for their professionalism, collaboration, and commitment to the students and families of our community. Throughout this closure, District 23 Administration Offices will remain open. We are ready to serve our community and hope that our efforts will help to keep everyone safe and healthy during this crisis.

Sincerely,

Don Angelaccio, Ed.D.
Superintendent