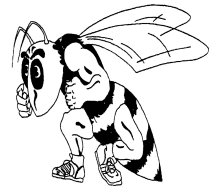




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April 17, 2020

Dear Scales Mound Students, Staff and Families,

We continue to live in some very unusual circumstances as we learn from home, continue social distancing, and work through the struggles that have come with the COVID-19 virus. Today the Governor announced that schools would be closed through the end of the academic school year. This executive order extends our remote learning period through the end of the school year for all of our students.

For the Class of 2020, we are planning a celebration of your accomplishments and, at least at this time, are hopeful that the celebration will be in person and not a virtual event. It is our intent to have some sort of Prom, Senior Awards Night, and Promotional Ceremony prior to you departing for post secondary educational institutions. And for the eighth grade class, we will also have something to celebrate your move into high school. We will announce those plans as soon as we can get them finalized.

We will be sending out a grading plan to all students on Monday, April 20, 2020. Attendance for our students is being collected through participation in class meetings via Zoom, Google Hangouts or other platforms, and through completion of assignments that our staff is providing. This information will be used to enhance our students' third quarter grades and be used to determine a final grade for all students.

We will continue to provide a meal program for any student in grades PK-12 through May 22, 2020. A summer meal program may be offered based on guidance from ISBE. If you have not signed up for the meal program, you must do so the end of the day Tuesday in order to be on the next week's list. Parents who have already signed up do not need to do so again.

The health and safety of our students and community continues to be one of our top priorities, so we want to share with you information that the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) has published. IDPH recommends the best way to protect against coronavirus is by taking the same everyday precautions against getting sick in general. These include:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- Avoiding touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoiding close contact with people who are sick.
- Staying home when you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Cleaning and disinfecting frequently touched objects and surfaces.

We will continue to closely monitor recommendations regarding COVID-19, remote learning, and information about reopening school in the fall. We will update you as soon as there are any significant changes in recommendations for schools. Thank you for your support in helping to keep our school community and students engaged and safe during this difficult time.

Sincerely,

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Superintendent