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Dear CCSD93 Parents/Guardians,

I hope you and your family are well, both physically and mentally, during these trying times. As I shared with you on Friday, our schools will remain closed until at least April 6, though closure may extend beyond that point.

This message is to provide parents and guardians with plans and resources for remote learning during our closure, updates on meal service for students who qualify for free and reduced lunches, opportunities for free internet access for families in need, and COVID-19 resources.

Remote Learning: Keep Your Child Engaged During School Closure

With CCSD93's schools closed, we have committed to providing web-based remote learning opportunities for all students. We have gathered a wide range of tools and resources for students to continue to engage in learning at www.ccsd93.com/RemoteLearning. The site is divided by the following grade level spans: ECC, K-2, 3-5, and 6-8.

We strongly encourage you and your children to visit this site, where you will find the following:

- Recommended daily schedules for each grade level span, both broken down by time of day and by duration of activity, that parents can use as guidelines to keep their children engaged throughout the day
- Online resources for each grade level span broken down by subject matter
- Links to school Innovation Center resource pages
- Relaxing resources for at home
- Family activities for at home

We believe it is important that students have structure in their day, and that this will help students maintain a sense of normalcy during what may otherwise be a stressful time. While the recommended daily schedules provided on the Remote Learning website are guidelines from CCSD93, and we recognize that they may not work for every family to follow exactly, we ask that parents adopt a schedule that works best for you and your children. Parents are NOT expected to deliver six hours of daily education to your students, but we ask that you do your best to ensure that students are engaged in learning opportunities.

The following is important for families to understand about the resources linked to the Remote Learning website:

- These resources and learning opportunities are NOT to be considered homework or assignments, but they are items that we strongly encourage students to engage with while CCSD93's schools are closed.
- All of the resources can be accessed from any device that has access to the internet.
- Many of these resources require student logins:
 - In many cases, students know their login information

- Login information for students in grades 3-8 is often saved to the student's MacBook
- If you and your child are unable to login to any resource, you are invited to call 630-893-9393 or email techhelp@ccsd93.com to retrieve the login information.
 - If calling, please be ready to name the resource(s) for which you are looking for login information
 - If emailing, please be sure to email us from an email address that we associated with your child's account and include your child's full name, school, grade level, and the name of the resource(s) for which you are looking for login information
- Our primary recommendation for families is to follow individualized student reading and math paths through i-Ready, which is linked prominently in each grade level span page.
- In addition to the resources on the Remote Learning website, we encourage students to spend time reading and writing.

Additional Important Notes:

- With guidance from the state, we are also working through how to best support students with IEPs and other service needs, and we will reach out to families with these students as soon as we are able.
- If you experience any hardware issues with your 3rd-8th grade child's MacBook, you are invited to call AppleCare's support line 866-752-7753 and use the reference agreement number 3929149633.

Meal Service

Beginning tomorrow, students who qualify for free and reduced meal status from the National School Lunch Program will be invited to pick up lunches from nine separate community locations between 10 a.m. and noon on weekdays. A separate communication will be sent this evening to families who qualify.

Free Internet Options

If you do not have access to the internet at home, Comcast has made its public wifi hotspots accessible to all and are offering for new families to join its Internet Essentials program for free for 60 days. For more information and to apply for free internet access, visit www.internetessentials.com or call 1-855-846-8376.

COVID-19 Resources

For links to all of these resources and more, visit www.ccsd93.com/COVID19.

CCSD93 staff, student, and parent health and safety remains our highest priority. This is an unprecedented situation, and we appreciate your patience and flexibility. Despite these circumstances, we are committed to providing valuable learning experiences for our students. As this situation evolves, we will continue to communicate regularly.

Sincerely,

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