

Notice of School Closure March 16 through March 27, with the intent to return March 30

Dear PCCS Community,

We appreciate your patience as we navigate this complicated situation with COVID-19 (coronavirus). Since mid-February, our Board, Leadership, and Staff have been working collaboratively to plan for closure of our school due to COVID-19. We have been following guidance from the Lake County Public Health Department, the Regional Office of Education and the Illinois State Board of Education, in today's conference call that just ended, with Governor Pritzker and all the State Superintendents of schools, the Governor stated that all schools in Illinois are to close as of Tuesday March 17, 2020. He shared that it is up to us the consolidated school districts throughout Illinois to plan for alternative ways to safely serve our community and families.

This message is to inform you that PCCS will be closed beginning Monday, March 16 till March 27. Before Friday April 3, we will reevaluate any further closures at that time.

PCCS is fortunate to have **no confirmed cases** of the virus in our district at this time, but the impacts from COVID-19's potential are being felt both nationally and locally. Look for updates in our social media platforms, on our Website's main page under <u>News and Events</u> and from emails from the Administration. Also look for an email communication over the weekend from the Administration, outlining the procedures and times for pickup of necessary personal belongings, medications and the like.

We understand that this plan will create hardship for many families, and we appreciate your patience and cooperation.

As you know, this is a very fluid situation and a lot can change. The Governor and the experts are expected to make an additional announcement regarding schools in the coming weeks. Once we learn how that may potentially impact PCCS beyond March 30th, we will share it with our entire community.

We know this is an unsettling time. Not only are there fears surrounding the virus itself, but there is uncertainty on how the measures taken to slow the virus will impact daily lives and expectations. We are your partner on this journey and we are navigating it alongside you. As the situation surrounding school closures evolves, new questions will arise — some we will know the answers to, and some we will need time to figure out. We ask for your patience and your support as we work through this time together.

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