



Dear PCCS Staff and Community,

March 28, 2020

On Friday, March 27<sup>th</sup> Governor Pritzker issued his [Executive Order 2020-15](#), allowing the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) to implement rules to:

- a) address the requirements of the school calendar and school day,
- b) create, define and determine the use of "Remote Learning Days"; and
- c) provide additional guidance consistent with the tenants of his Executive Order

Late last night ISBE has [declared](#) that *Remote Learning Days* will begin for schools statewide on March 31, 2020 and continue until in-person instruction can resume.

As previously shared, during the *Act of God* days declared by the Governor on March 13, our staff has been working diligently to enhance and fine tune our e-learning program for our students. Beginning Tuesday March 31<sup>st</sup>, PCCS will launch that program: **Tuesday will be an *In-Service E-Learning Planning Day for Staff only with e-learning for students beginning on Wednesday, April 1*** . More information on how that will look for your child(ren) can be found [here](#) as well as on the [Curriculum Page](#) of our website.

Communication will be the key to the success of the remainder of our school year. Therefore, over the next few days, you will be receiving communications from both the Administration and individually from your child's teaching team that will further outline processes and procedures for our e-learning program.

We know that as our teams continue to create these learning opportunities, there will be adjustments and fine tuning. We ask for patience, flexibility and grace for all - from all. At this critical moment, we will all need to model resilience, critical and creative thinking, thoughtful responsiveness, and empathy to ensure that our students continue to grow personally, academically, and environmentally.

Again, PCCS is committed to making sure you have everything you need to achieve two singular priorities for as long as it is necessary to suspend in-person instruction:

1. Ensure all students' nutritional needs are met.
2. Ensure all students have access to remote instruction through whatever means possible.

If you need any assistance to help achieve these priorities, to please contact the [Administration](#).

I want to be clear that the purpose of the e-learning program will be for the growth of our children and that we will be focusing on learning and not compliance. To that end, ISBE has suspended all student assessment testing and otherwise for the remainder of this school year.

We know that you will have questions and we understand that each of our learning environments will be different. Our offer will continue to be - that we will work with you, to the best of our ability, to provide the best possible outcome until we all return to normal.

Thank you for your kind words over the last few weeks, it strengthens our core and our continued commitment to provide a personalized education where your child learns the value of community and the environment. We hope you will join us in looking at these times as opportunities, and see our continued promise to *Partner with Parents*, promote *Personal Responsibility*, achieve *Academic Excellence* and *Keep the Environment at the Center* of everything we do.

Be safe - Be healthy – We will get through this together.

Geoff Deigan  
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