

Dear SD113A Staff and Families,

I hope this message finds you and your families safe and well. Today, Illinois Gov. JB Pritzker announced that remote learning in Illinois will be extended through the end of the school year in order to slow down the spread of COVID-19. The Governor “suspended in-person learning for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year.”

While in-person learning has been suspended for the remainder of the year, at SD113A, I assure you **our entire staff remains committed to learning and engaging with all students through remote learning**, as well as continuing with our food distribution program. In order for us to remain safe in the midst of this public health crisis, we’ll continue to stay home as directed.

Like you, we are beyond saddened by the reality that our school community will not be able to reconvene in person this school year due to the public health crisis. So many of you have worked so hard to learn and grow in both the classroom and in extracurricular activities that today’s announcement may feel like a step back. We miss seeing our students each and every day in person. The entire district community is feeling this loss.

However, the final chapter of this school year hasn’t been written yet. These past few weeks have proven our SD113A community is more resilient, more capable and more compassionate than ever. I’m confident our collective strength will shine through during the remainder of the school year. Having said that, today’s announcement will result in multiple scheduling changes in our district. As this announcement about the end of the school year was just made by Governor Pritzker this afternoon, it will take us a few days to sort out the many schedule details that are scheduled to happen. Please be patient as we work as a district to get information to you in the next several weeks.

I know this is not the school year that any of us imagined, but I want to thank you for your patience and understanding as we have dealt with this unprecedented situation together. This period of remote learning offers us new ways to learn and grow and out of this pandemic, **we will emerge stronger**.

I can't thank you enough for all that you are doing as we all work together through this. We will continue to meet the needs of our SD113A community every single day. I will continue to reach out to you in the next days and weeks with updates.

Sincerely,

Dr. Courtney Orzel
Superintendent of Schools