



March 24, 2020

Dear District 88 Parents,

We hope that everyone is safe and sound as we move forward during this unprecedented time. As of today, all District 88 Schools will remain closed and are tentatively scheduled to resume on **Wednesday, April 8**. District 88 is closely monitoring coronavirus updates in conjunction with the Illinois State Board of Education, Proviso Township and the Cook County Department of Public Health. If anything changes, we will let you know. Please continue to practice social distancing, as it is one of the most suggested measures of protection. Your family's safety is foremost in our decision making.

Per ISBE's guidance March 17-March 30 are considered "Act of God" days. ISBE will provide further guidance regarding March 31 and beyond. However, they are encouraging all districts to ensure all students have access to remote instruction through whatever means possible. During school closures, Bellwood School District 88 students and teaching staff are expected and encouraged to participate in e-learning activities. All work that has been sent home and that will continue to be made available is considered enrichment and students are encouraged to complete it.

In alignment with ISBE's charge, no work shall negatively impact a child's grade. Any assignments completed can be graded, but only to help a student's overall grade, not to hurt it. Please monitor our website for continued learning activities. Access and equity is of utmost importance to us and therefore we implore you to complete the [E-Learning Parent Survey](#), which can be found on our website. This survey will help us, as we are preparing to distribute Chromebooks to students in need.

In closing, we thank each and everyone of you for your continued efforts as we move forward in uncharted territory. Our goal is to ensure the safety and well-being of our students and staff, as we forge ahead during these unprecedented circumstances. Thanks in advance for ensuring that your child participates in meaningful opportunities to engage with the world beyond their classroom. We are all in this together; **District 88 is still on the rise!**

Keep safe, stay healthy, and take care.

Sincerely,

*Mark Holder*

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Superintendent