



# CASS SCHOOL DISTRICT 63 NEWSLETTER

Wednesday, March 18, 2020

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## Board of Education Highlights

*At the March 17, 2020 Board of Education Meeting, the Board:*

### Approved a New Policy

In light of the current, ongoing Coronavirus/COVID-19 Pandemic, the Board of Education voted unanimously to approve Policy 4:180 Pandemic Preparedness at last evening's Board of Education Meeting. At the meeting, the Board of Education also discussed at length the measures it has taken to ensure that Cass School District 63 students' academic needs are being met and plans moving forward.

### The Board Also Discussed

- Approved a CARE Grant in the amount of \$655.60 to supply lunch to Band students on Recording Day and for an Accompanist for the Cass Junior High School Chorus.
- The development of a Superintendent Advisory Coronavirus/COVID-19 Pandemic Committee, which will consist of two Board of Education Members, one parent/guardian, one community member, one teacher and one support staff member.



*The next regular Board of Education meeting will be held Tuesday, April 21, 2020, 7:30 p.m. at the District Administrative Office 8502 Bailey Road in Darien, Illinois.*



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## **Administrators' Addendum**

Dear Cass School District 63 Families:

First, we would like to express our sincere gratitude to you for your patience, understanding and ongoing support as our school district navigates through these unprecedented times. Over the past week, information and guidance for school districts were changing almost on the hour. This fluidity was extremely challenging, but the District's touchstone was and has always been, what is best for the health and safety of our students and school community. Thank you for supporting and sharing in this number one goal of Cass School District 63.

To reiterate previous communications, this is the status for both Concord Elementary School and Cass Junior High School:

- **Monday, March 13 – Friday, March 20**

Concord Elementary School and Cass Junior High School Facilities are **Closed E-Learning** for Prekindergarten to Grade Eight

*Lunch Bus Stop Drop Off between 7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.*

*Available to all Students at No Charge*

*Lunch Pick Up between 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. at Cass Junior High School Office*

*Available to all Students at No Charge*

- **Monday, March 23 – Friday, March 27**

Concord Elementary School and Cass Junior High School Facilities are **Closed E-Learning** for Prekindergarten to Grade Eight

*Lunch Bus Stop Drop Off between 7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.*

*Available to all Students at No Charge*

*Lunch Pick Up between 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. at Cass Junior High School Office*

*Available to all Students at No Charge*

- **Monday, March 30 – Friday, April 3**

Concord Elementary School and Cass Junior High School Facilities are **Closed**  
Spring Break – **No E-Learning** for Prekindergarten to Grade Eight

*Lunch Pick Up between 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. at Cass Junior High School Office*

*Available to all Students at No Charge*

- **Monday, April 6**

Concord Elementary School and Cass Junior High School Facilities are **Open**  
**School Resumes** for Prekindergarten to Grade Eight

It is our full intention to return to full school operations on Monday, April 6. However, because there are still too many unknowns and many variables we cannot control, we are planning for the possibility that our current closure may be extended. We encourage you to do the same. In other words, hope for the best, but plan for the worst.

We have been asked about the many future District or school events, such as CARE fundraisers or Grade Eight Washington, D.C. trip. At this time, all District and school events have been suspended or postponed. We are sorry that we do not and will not have an answer to these questions until we get closer to these actual events.

In regards to E-Learning, thank you for your support in making this successful. Our teachers are fully engaged in this program between 8:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. and please respect that outside those timeframes they will not be accessible as they are planning for E-Learning, as well as taking care of their own family and personal needs.

We fully realize that our schools and district provide additional support to you and your family in addition to teaching and learning. Please know the School Offices and District Office are open during this closure and do not hesitate to call if you have questions or if we can possibly assist your family.

Cass School District 63 is following all the appropriate authorities' mandates, recommendations and guidelines at a minimum. We strongly encourage your family to do the same. For pertinent and up to date information on the Coronavirus/COVID-19, we suggest the following websites:

[DuPage County Health Department](#)  
[Illinois Department of Public Health](#)  
[Center for Disease Control](#)  
[World Health Organization](#)

We wish you and your family good health during these challenging times. Collectively, we are confident that we can successfully address this global challenge.

*Kerry J. Foderaro*  
*Laura Anderson • Christine Marcinkewicz*  
*Leland Wagner • Robert Strande*

## Do Not Forget

- Facilities Closed - Concord Elementary School & Cass Junior High School  
E-Learning (Monday-Friday)  
Monday, March 16, 2020 – Friday, March 27, 2020
- NO SCHOOL  
Monday, March 30 – Friday, April 3, 2020  
Spring Break
- CLASSES RESUME  
Monday, April 6, 2020

## We Think You Should Know

### CORONAVIRUS UPDATES

The Coronavirus/COVID-19 Pandemic and the information related to it is constantly changing. Listed below are resources available containing vital information for you and your family to stay abreast of what is happening and what you and your family should be doing to protect yourselves and others:

[DuPage County Health Department](#)  
[Illinois Department of Health](#)  
[Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#)  
[World Health Organization](#)