Wednesday, March 18, 2020

Dear Cass School District 63 School Families,

First, I would like to express my 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**
  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**
  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. I encourage you to do the same. In other words, hope for the best, but plan for the worst.

I 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. I am 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.

I 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. I strongly encourage your family to do the same. For pertinent and up to date information on the Coronavirus/COVID-19, I suggest the following websites:

- DuPage County Health Department
- Illinois Department of Public Health
- Center for Disease Control
- World Health Organization

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

Sincerely,

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