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Suspension of In-person Instruction for the Remainder of the 2019-2020 School Year

Greetings ECHO Parents/Guardians and Staff,

I hope this message finds you and your families safe and well. Yesterday, Illinois Gov. JB Pritzker announced that remote learning in Illinois will be extended through the end of the 2019-20 school year. Although in-person learning has been suspended for the remainder of the year, at ECHO Joint Agreement, 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. As a reminder, breakfast and lunch pickup is available on Mondays and Thursdays from 9 am to 12 p.m. The pickup location is at the main entrance of ECHO School located at 350 W. 154th Street, South Holland.

Like you, we are saddened by the reality that our school community will not be able to reconvene in person this school year due to this public health crisis. So many of you have worked so hard to learn and adapt to the remote learning process. The final chapter of this school year hasn't been written yet. These past few weeks have proven our school community is more resilient, more capable and more compassionate than maybe what we previously realized. I'm confident our collective strength will shine through during the remainder of the school year, and we will emerge even stronger. WE ARE PROUD OF WHO WE ARE, THE BEST THAT WE CAN BE as written by our students.

As spring break has come to a close, please be reminded we have a remote learning planning day scheduled on Monday, April 20, 2020. As you prepare your students to resume to remote learning on Tuesday, April 21, 2020. As always, and especially during these trying times the staff at ECHO Joint Agreement are here for our students as we are aware that this is an experience many of our students do not understand. Please know that we are all in this together and do not hesitate to contact me, via email at Sandra.Thomas@echoja.org or at 708.333.7880 for any assistance that I or the staff at ECHO Joint Agreement may provide. You may also reach out to your student's principal and/or teachers via email.

Stay well,

Sandra Thomas

Dr. Sandra Thomas
Superintendent