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Dear Parents and Students:

Following the launch of District 211's first-ever Hybrid learning scenario during the last week in October, I want to thank our students, families, and staff members for helping make it successful. Being in-person with our students is where our best work is done. Unfortunately, due to the recent rise in positive COVID-19 cases within our local community and with guidance from the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH), the Cook County Department of Public Health (CCDPH), and Governor Pritzker, at Thursday night's Board of Education meeting, it was presented that the District move into a three-week adaptive pause and return to our Remote learning scenario, beginning on Monday, November 16, 2020.

One of the strengths of our learning scenarios during the pandemic is that we are able to shift from Remote learning to Hybrid learning and back rather seamlessly, not altering student class schedules and while still being able to offer some extracurricular opportunities for students. District 211 staff will continue to work together to support our students through outreach and individual connections. Our student services departments and support teams will work diligently to stay connected with our students throughout the next three weeks and welcome them into the school as needed for additional support.

Even though each school has implemented rigorous safety protocols, our communities continue to experience a rise in COVID-19 positivity rates. The IDPH School Health Metrics for Suburban and Northern Cook County consistently remain at a substantial transmission rate level. While our school-based transmission rates are minimal, the number of students and staff members diagnosed with COVID-19 and the number of individuals needing to quarantine because of COVID-like symptoms has significantly increased during the month of November. This information can be found on the [District 211 COVID-19 Dashboard](#), accessible on the District website.

The three-week adaptive pause will run from Monday, November 16 through Friday, December 4, 2020. Operational details about the adaptive pause are described below:

- All students will attend classes remotely from home following the established A-day/B-day schedule. Class times will not change.
- Schools will continue to offer afternoon academic support sessions, as these provide critical support for students entering the final weeks of the semester. A schedule of which support sessions will continue to be offered in-person and those sessions offered remotely will be available. As done previously,

students will need to sign up for these sessions in advance through their school website.

- Meal bags will continue to be available for pick up and/or delivery.
- IHSA winter season competitive sports will remain active for in-person participation by student-athletes per IDPH, CCDPH, ISBE and Governor guidelines. The Mid-Suburban League Board of Control is meeting to determine the details of scheduling a basketball season within health department guidelines.
- Activity sponsors will continue to host activity meetings and events either in-person or remotely.
- Transportation will be available to bring students to school and home following afternoon academic supports, athletic practices, and extracurricular activities.

District administration regularly monitors regional and county IDPH School Health Metrics and refers to guidance from IDPH, CCDPH, ISBE, and directives stipulated by the Governor to determine our next steps. This adaptive pause to Remote learning is through December 4, 2020 based on IDPH guidance. The current plan is to begin the Hybrid learning scenario again on December 7. The [Back to School 2020-2021](#) webpage remains available for information. Please continue to be vigilant about avoiding unnecessary travel and activities, wearing a face mask, observing social-distancing rules, refraining from gathering in large groups, and practicing frequent hand washing. I am confident that together, we will get through these unique times while we concentrate on providing educational opportunities for our students.

Sincerely,

Lisa Small  
Superintendent

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