

District 161 Staff and Families-

Governor Pritzker announced that all K-12 schools will be closed from Tuesday, March 17, 2020 to Monday, March 30, 2020. All related activities are canceled during these dates. While we do not have any confirmed cases of coronavirus (COVID-19) in our district, this decision was made in an abundance of caution to limit the spread of the COVID-19 illness in our community. The Governor shared that he will assess this situation at that time and may extend the need to keep schools closed.

This means that we will have school on Monday, March 16, 2020, but will begin the mandated closing of schools on Tuesday, March 17, 2020. Given that our district has a previously scheduled spring break the week of March 30, school will not resume until Monday, April 6, 2020. Additional information about student learning opportunities during the closure will be sent by the district next week.

I am confident that this decision is not one anyone makes lightly. We are aware of the complications that this will cause for our families. However, we believe that we have a shared responsibility to ensure the safety and well-being of our community.

We will continue to update you with information as it becomes available.

Sincerely,
Supt. Barb Rains, Ed.D.