



Skokie

School District 68

March 15, 2020

*Our mission is to develop children who are confident and creative learners.
We provide a rigorous curriculum and a supportive school environment that promotes high achievement, encourages personal growth, and meets the unique needs of each child.*

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I know that you all have many questions and are looking for answers, and I will try my best to keep you up-to-date. At this time District 68 has **not** been made aware of any documented cases of Coronavirus among our students or staff.

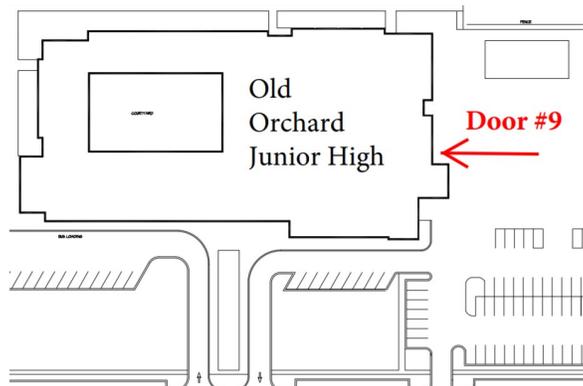
On Friday, after our decision to close schools this week, Governor Pritzger shut down all schools in Illinois until **Tuesday, March 31**. We will be closely monitoring the situation over the coming days to decide whether schools will need to be closed longer.

Keeping the Learning Alive

At this time the Governor has communicated that we will not need to make up missed school days after Monday's closure. We have posted many [resources](#) to our website that parents and children can use to keep engaged with learning and are busily putting together an E-Learning Plan so that we can continue the learning at home. More information will be sent to you about additional resources and guidance on continuing the learning will be communicated to you by tomorrow evening.

District 68 Free Breakfast and Lunch

I want to share that we will continue to provide free meals to anyone under 18 years or younger. Starting tomorrow breakfast will be available for pickup at door #9 at Old Orchard Junior High between the hours of 8:00 and 10:00 am.



Starting on Wednesday we will be able to provide lunches to go during those hours as well. Parents/students should approach door #9 and instruct the food service employee at the door how many students they have that need meals. Additionally, the [Niles Township Food Pantry](#) will also be providing meals and non-perishable items for our

families that qualify for free/reduced priced meals. If your family is unable to find food, please respond to this email so that we can help.

Communication

If you are following the news you know that the situation is changing rapidly and that we are being asked to limit social interaction as much as possible. I encourage you to monitor your email and our [website](#) for further communications and directions in the coming days.

I know this is a very scary time for everyone and tensions may start running high. Please don't forget that the world needs lots of laughter, love, and gratitude right now! Take time to enjoy and appreciate everything that you have, and seek ways to keep yours and other's spirits up. This **will** pass if we all pull together!

Sincerely,



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