

Dear Hawthorn Community,

Thank you to everyone for working together to make our new Remote Learning program successful. Our community's tireless spirit truly makes our district special.

As you know, information about the COVID-19 situation is changing daily. As new data and information become available, government officials are making tough decisions to protect our health. Today, Governor J.B. Pritzker announced that he is extending his stay-at-home order until April 30 as the number of coronavirus cases in our state continues to increase.

In keeping with the governor's order, we are extending our school closure. While we had previously planned to re-open on Wednesday, April 8, we have extended the date to Thursday, April 30. The remote learning plans in place for our students will continue for the duration of the school closure order, with specific enhancements that will be shared with you in the coming days. These updates align with newly issued guidance from the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE), and allow us to provide a more interactive and comprehensive remote learning experience for all.

Our meal program will also continue during this time frame. The meals are free and available to any child age 18 and under. The district's pick-up station is at Middle School South, 600 Aspen Drive, Vernon Hill, IL 60061. Pick up times are from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. for families with last names beginning with A-L, and from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. for families with last names beginning with M-Z.

I appreciate everything you are doing to manage this new, but temporary, normal. In the face of this challenge, I am confident that Hawthorn is bringing everyone's strengths together as we #become1.

Sincerely,

Peter Hannigan, Ed.D.  
Superintendent