

Dear Hawthorn Community:

It's hard to believe that today will mark four weeks of implementing home learning. Through everyone working together, we have accomplished so much in little time. Thank you for continuing to work with us to support your child's learning.

Your child's learning plan for the week of April 13th will post to our remote learning webpage by 5:00 p.m. on Sunday evening, should you and/or your child wish to preview the content prior to Monday morning. Please note the Early Release Day previously scheduled for Thursday, April 16th is now a regularly scheduled day of remote learning. Our Hawthorn District 73 Remote Learning Plan has also been shared with you and posted to our webpage, as required by the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE). As you know, this plan was developed in accordance with ISBE's new guidance and recommendations specific to remote learning.

One of our goals is to ensure that our Remote Learning Plan serves all students, including students who lack access to electronic devices and internet service in their homes. This week, our teams prepared and deployed over 400 electronic devices to students in early childhood through fifth grade who lacked this resource. I am grateful to our staff, who went the extra mile to accomplish this task while practicing social distancing guidelines that serve to protect our families. If you are still in need of a device, please use the technology support email link on our remote learning webpage, or contact your child's teacher. We will arrange a time for you to pick one up.

Our Key to 73 Education Foundation has donated \$18,000 toward the purchase of Wi-Fi hotspots for 150 Hawthorn families. We are so appreciative of their generous gift. If you are interested in providing support for additional families, please make a tax-deductible donation at www.Keyto73Foundation.org or send a check (made payable to Key to 73 Foundation) to Key to 73 Foundation, c/o Rebekah Snyder, Treasurer, 106 Dickinson Court, Vernon Hills, IL 60061. 100% of these contributions will go directly to ensuring student access to technology at this critical time.

Many of you may have seen the "Hawthorn Cares" signs popping up around the community, as students, staff, and parents are coming together to share this message of support. I hope these signs offer a little bright spot for you and your family.

Have a great weekend.

Sincerely,

Peter Hannigan, Ed.D
Superintendent