

Dear Hawthorn Community,

I want to start by thanking you for your support, patience, and flexibility as we navigate these unprecedented times together. I can safely say that we cannot wait to have kids and staff back on campus. Understandably, there are a lot of questions regarding what school will look like when we are scheduled to return in August. All that I can tell you right now is that we are planning for various scenarios, but do not yet have enough information to finalize our plans. We are keeping a close eye on guidance provided by county and state level leadership. I will keep you as informed as soon possible as we navigate this process.

We are currently finalizing plans for the pick-up of any personal belongings left at school, and the collection of any District materials students may have at home. All of our schools are preparing curbside pick-up procedures that also allow for you to return library books and other District items. You will soon receive communication from your building principal regarding these dates and procedures. Again, we appreciate your patience as we work through this. There are many logistical factors to consider as we work to keep everyone's safety as our top priority.

Lastly, Hawthorn School District 73 is planning alternatives to our traditional educational experiences for students during the summer months. Details about these new summer opportunities will be shared with all of you as soon as they are available.

I hope everyone is able to enjoy a great weekend, and to all of our mothers, Happy Mother's Day!

Regards,

Pete Hannigan, Ed.D  
Superintendent