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Dear Prairie-Hills D144 Staff, Parents and Community Members,

On Friday, March 20th, Governor Pritzker issued an executive order requiring residents to "stay at home" effective Saturday, March 21 at 5:00 pm, through the end of April 7. As part of the Governor's order, he announced that school will remain closed, with a new tentative reopening date of *April 8*. We recognize that this development may raise questions about the impact on students, staff, and families as well as the school's vital role of providing meals to students and families while schools are closed. We anticipate further guidance and details from the Illinois State Board of Education.

During this stay at home order, **essential school personnel** may still report to work as long as they are practicing social distancing. We want you to know that **Prairie-Hills D144** will continue to provide meals to our students. It has had a tremendous impact in making sure our students are not going hungry while school is closed.

In addition, the governor has made it clear that, while he's serious about using social distancing to slow the spread of COVID-19, he wants residents to still be able to work, shop at grocery stores, put gas in their cars, take walks outside and get medication from the pharmacy. Rest assured, we are committed to doing our best to provide meals and deliver continuity of education.

Please use this opportunity to focus on staying safe and helping to slow the spread of the virus. As always, thank you for your patience and support as we all work through the COVID-19 Pandemic. As you have seen, this situation is evolving rapidly. Please continue to check our website or my Twitter account @DrKimako.

We will get through this together... because **WE ARE ONE!**

Sincerely,



Dr. Kimako Patterson,
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