

Dear District 127.5 Families,

In collaboration with our neighboring school districts and out of an abundance of caution **All Chicago Ridge 127.5 schools will be closed beginning March 16th** for the health and wellness of our students and staff.

At this time there are no confirmed cases of COVID-19 among students or staff at District 127.5. As COVID-19 continues to spread in our state, our country and worldwide, District 127.5 wants to do everything in our power to protect the health and wellness of our students, our staff and their families. As a country we are beginning to exercise the practice of "Social Distancing." We are doing our part in this effort as we also take steps to limit the transmission of this virus.

Although the buildings are closed next week, students will only be off on Monday and Tuesday. Beginning Wednesday, the district will shift to E-Learning lessons which are to be completed at home. Additional information concerning E-learning will be sent home in the near future.

E-Learning

Staff will provide E-Learning activities for students beginning Wednesday, March 18th. Lessons will be posted by 8:30 a.m. each morning.

The District will be on Spring Break March 23-March 27, 2020. No E-Learning will be scheduled for the week of Spring Break.

Families wishing to check out a Chromebook for use at home during the school closure will be able to have an adult sign out a loaner on Tuesday, March 17, from 10:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. at your student's school. If your family does not have access to Wi-Fi, packets of work will be available for pickup during these same hours.

As this remains a very fluid situation, we are unsure at this time when schools will reopen. Building access will be available on Tuesday, March 17th (10 a.m.-6 p.m.) to allow for families should you need to pick up anything your student may have left at school. Throughout the week, additional information can be found at crsd1275.org

District 127.5 will continue to monitor all appropriate guidance from local, state, and federal health officials. We will provide regular and timely communication with the entire District 127.5 community as we move forward. Thank you for your understanding, patience, and continued partnership in keeping our students, our staff, and our community healthy.

Sincerely,

Adam J. Thorns

Superintendent