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Now that we have entered the days that Governor Pritzker has mandated school closures across the state of Illinois, we wanted to provide an update regarding E-Learning in our district.

E-Learning Opportunity

Governor Prizker declared Tuesday, March 17 through Monday, March 30, as “Act of God Days” for all Illinois schools. This means schools will not need to make these days up at the end of the school year. The Illinois State Board of Education has strongly encouraged all schools to provide continuous learning opportunities for students during this mandated closure, which School District 126 will continue to do through out state approved E-Learning plan. Please continue to encourage your child to complete the provided E-Learning tasks. Our teachers are working diligently to ensure our students have appropriate learning activities to build students’ skills and knowledge on previously taught content addressing the standards for the grade level.

Attendance and Monitoring Progress

District 126 will continue to take daily attendance and monitor students’ E-Learning progress. Daily attendance provides the district with our participation rate. It also allows us to reach out to families that may need assistance. While the assignments will not be “graded” since we use standards-based reporting, students will continue to receive feedback from their teachers on their completed work. Research shows teacher feedback is critical to students’ learning. Teachers will continue to answer questions from students and parents during the school closures.

What if I don’t have Internet access?

Xfinity WiFi hotspots will be available to anyone who needs them for free right now. For a map of WiFi Hotspots, visit www.xfinity.com/wifi. Once at a hotspot, you should select the “xfinity wifi” network name in the list of available hotspots and then launch a browser. Comcast is also offering free and/or reduced price internet for families in need. Below is the Comcast link.

<https://www.internetessentials.com/Apply>

Google Hangouts

One way we can assist our students in making social and academic connections is through Google Hangouts, an application that allows voice or video conferencing. This is available for our students. Many may have already used this through previous learning activities created by their teachers. This may also help to enhance some of the E-Learning being done at home.

Students will need to feel connected to trusted adults. Access to learning and structure are proven to lower stress and anxiety. While we fully understand that E-Learning will never replace the amazing work our teachers do face-to-face with students in classrooms, we hope that E-Learning provides the structure that our students need during this time.

Thank you for your continued support. District 126 will continue to keep you updated.