

DU PAGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT 13
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Bloomington, Illinois

Regular Meeting April 27, 2020

FOR INFORMATION:

Subject: **Superintendent's Report**

SWAT Team Update –

I have mentioned in past editions of the Thursday Letter that I was asked to join a select group of superintendents from across the State to work on education related issues after the Governor utilized an Executive Order to close all schools due to COVID-19. The initial meeting was in Springfield on Sunday, March 15 and since that meeting, this team has assisted in the following:

- Collecting and sharing resources for at-home learning for educators and parents;
- Working with the ISBE to develop the parameters for the remote learning program;
- Vetting virtual presentation software options for school districts and checking compliance with applicable privacy laws;
- Gathering social emotional resources and making them accessible to school districts;
- Sharing sample e-learning plans to help with local school district planning;
- Working with legislators to provide mandate relief regarding the use of Act of God days, the Open Meetings Act and State testing;
- Assembled a communications toolkit for leaders to help in the sharing of future planning, food distribution, other community resources and educational engagement;
- Developing remote learning days that count as instructional days in the school calendar;

I am honored to have been selected for this work and I am proud of the efforts made by the leadership team, the faculty and staff in cooperation with our parents in maintaining a continuity of learning for the students of this District.

8th Grade Graduation –

On April 22, Lake Park High School issued an announcement that effectively canceled prom and shifted their year-end awards and graduation ceremonies to virtual events. The Administration has discussed possibilities that I will share at the meeting, but I am very interested in your thoughts as to how you would like to commemorate the Class of 2020 and honor their families.