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This message will be posted on our webpage:

Earlier today the governor had extended his order for school buildings to remain closed through the month of April, so our teachers will continue to provide online learning opportunities.

There has been a lot of confusion about what the differences are between an act of God day, e-learning and remote learning. These terms are more administrative for how we are to classify days for state reporting. Act of God days you can think of as a snow day, when school is canceled for the safety of kids. No work takes place. We make these days up until we get to five. E-learning days came about as a proposal to replace a snow day, one at a time as they came, so you would not have to make them up at the end of the year. We are beyond that with this pandemic, so the new term that allows us to provide educational days is remote learning. This is what we have already been doing since earlier this month; teaching and learning online.

The second question most asked is attendance. Colleges have been using online instruction for years, but this is new for K through 12 schools throughout the state and until now, has never been approved as a method for instruction. Although your teachers may be keeping track of who logs on, completes assignments or who doesn't, the state of Illinois is not requiring us to submit attendance records, recognizing that this phenomenon is stressful on kids and adults and not every student throughout the state of Illinois has the same equal opportunities.

The third most asked question is about grades. The Illinois state Board of Education has announced that during this time grades cannot harm students and in the name of equality cannot negatively impact the students

During this time, as teachers and students are navigating new challenges, the motivating factor must be the desire to stay curriculum current with your peers throughout our community, the state and the country.

The State Board of Education has also granted schools an additional four teacher Institute days for the purpose of preparing online lessons. Since students are not physically in the building, these days will be only communicated with the staff and reflected in the assignments and the due dates that they provide and should not impact when students should or should not logon..

I hope this message provided some valuable information as we move forward and come together with these challenges while keeping our social distance.



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