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Dear Parents and Community Members:

I hope this message finds you and your families safe and healthy. On Friday, April 17th, Illinois Gov. JB Pritzker announced that remote learning in Illinois will be extended through the end of the 2019-20 school year.

Although in-person learning has been suspended for the remainder of the year, our Arbor Park School District 145 staff remains committed to learning and engaging with all students through remote learning, as well as continuing with our food distribution program.

We are all saddened that our school community will not be able to reconvene in person this school year due. I know you have worked so hard for students to learn and grow in both the classroom and in extracurricular activities and this announcement feels very sad. However, the final chapter of this school year hasn’t been written yet. These past few weeks have proven our school community is more resilient, more capable and more compassionate than ever. I’m confident our collective strength will shine through during the remainder of the school year, and we will emerge even stronger.

Though the cancelation of in person activities has changed significant events and milestones in our district, we will still have fun, celebrate, learn, create, and grow – and we will do this together! It will take the Principals and teachers some time to sort out the many schedule details that were planned and create alternative activities but they are working on it. You can cheer them on, make suggestions, and stay in touch using email!

I know this is not the school year that any of us imagined, but I want to thank you for your patience and understanding as we have dealt with this unprecedented situation together. This period of Remote Learning offers us new ways to learn and grow, and out of this Pandemic, we will emerge stronger. Plans will be underway soon for the return to in-person learning next school year. We will be sure to return safe, healthy, and happy!

It’s important we continue to work together and support our students. I can’t thank you enough for all that you are doing as we all work together through this.

Stay positive, take heart, and stay committed to learning,

Dr. Andrea Sala