



Dear Kinnikinnick parents and students,

The Illinois State Superintendent of Education Dr. Carmen I. Ayala informed the state's public school districts that "...the situation regarding coronavirus/COVID-19 is rapidly evolving. Therefore, it is imperative districts begin working on emergency plans immediately, including research-based e-learning plans." All districts have been told to "submit e-learning program proposals to ROEs for approval as soon as possible."

At this time, E-learning plans will only be utilized if schools need to be closed for an extended period of time to ensure the continuity of education. The e-learning plan promotes remote educational supports, activities, and opportunities for students during school closures.

E-learning plans will provide appropriate learning opportunities for students via electronic and non-electronic means. Chromebooks will be utilized in grades 2-8. Lessons for PK-1 will be emailed and posted but will include non-electronic instructional plans. E-Learning plans also include non-electronic instructional modules utilizing school textbooks and books for students who have difficulty accessing the online materials.

If e-Learning days are utilized, students will be expected to engage in their school day. Attendance will be taken via a Google form that will be sent out daily. All student assignments will be posted by 9:00 AM. Teachers will utilize the internet, email, Google classrooms or other means of electronic communication for instruction and interaction with students to meet the needs of all learners. Teachers will be available during regular school hours. Student participation will be monitored and verified by their teachers.

Local school districts, acting in accordance with guidance from the Illinois Department of Public Health and local public health departments, will make the final decision as to whether or not conditions require the closure of schools. Again, I thank you for your patience in this quickly evolving situation. Further communications will be sent if schools are not in session via email, text, phone calls and local media.

Your partner in education,  
Keli Freedlund  
Superintendent