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Dear Parents, students, and staff:

I hope this message finds you and your families safe and well. Today, 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, I assure you our entire staff remains committed to learning and engaging with all students through remote learning, as well as continuing with our food distribution program.

Like you, we are saddened by the reality that our school community will not be able to reconvene in person this school year due to this public health crisis. So many of you have worked so hard to learn and grow in both the classroom and in extracurricular activities that today's announcement may feel like a step back.

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 maybe what we previously realized. I'm confident our collective strength will shine through during the remainder of the school year, and we will emerge even stronger.

As this announcement was just made by Governor Pritzker this afternoon, it will take us a few days to sort out the many details, including picking up of materials, technology turn in, spring concerts, Prom, and Commencement. We will discuss some of these details at our April 21st Board meeting.

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 we will emerge stronger from what we have learned and experienced. Over the last few weeks, I have seen amazing work by our students and teachers as they navigate this new environment together!

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jeffrey W. Hill".

Morton 709 Superintendent