



# Bethalto Community Unit School District #8

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Greetings EagleNation,

Today the Governor has closed Illinois schools until the end of April. We want to remind families that while our buildings are closed, school is still in session. Learning will continue in an alternate space. We will continue to engage our students during this time to ensure they are ready for their return to our buildings and for the upcoming school year. If they do not stay engaged during this time, deficiencies in learning will occur.

Our staff has worked hard, as have our students and families, to make the transition to distance learning over the past seven school days. As we look ahead at this new timeline for the extended closure and further guidance from the State Board of Education, we realize we will now begin the transition to Remote Learning. We are working closely with various stakeholders in our district to create our district Remote Learning Plan. To help us do this, **we are going to use Friday, April 3rd, as a Remote Learning Planning Day for our staff.** This means that your students will not be engaged in learning and our staff will not be available to students as they will be working on a plan for remote learning.

We are working to bring new learning to our students while also streamlining the requests from you as parents. We hope to take this time on Friday to prioritize our learning goals and organize our plan so we can continue to effectively communicate with you as we plan for more learning from home. We also want to give you an opportunity to provide feedback about this process with us so we can use it on Friday planning day. Please take the time to complete this quick and anonymous survey.

## [LINK TO DISTANCE LEARNING FEEDBACK SURVEY](#)

Remember you can always find the most up-to-date information as it relates to COVID-19, food distribution and E Learning at our website: [https://www.bethalto.org/bcusd8\\_covid-19.html](https://www.bethalto.org/bcusd8_covid-19.html). Also, as we are moving to a more digital way of communication, we hope you know you can reach out to your building principal or call Central Office during the hours of 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM and we can check your contact information. If you have not received a text message from us in the past week, please text "Y" or "YES" to 67587. The phone number you send this from MUST be registered in PowerSchool. At this point, it is vital that we have correct information to ensure you receive all district communications.

### **STAYING HEALTHY DURING THIS TIME:**

## **[CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION ON WAYS TO STAY HEALTHY AND WELL](#)**

We will send our further information as it relates to our Remote Learning Plan. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Central Office at 618-377-7200. We want to be your partner in education, and work collaboratively to ensure your child experiences success while we work through this transition.

Sincerely,

Jill Griffin, Ed.D.  
Superintendent