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Dear Parents/Guardians:

Chicago Public Schools (CPS) continues to work in partnership with the Chicago Department of Public Health (CDPH) to monitor the coronavirus (COVID-19) and make decisions that are in the best interest of the entire CPS community. CPS schools will be closed beginning Tuesday, March 17, 2020 to March 30, 2020, or until further notice. Richardson Middle School will keep you informed as to when school will reopen by making a Robocall and keeping our website updated.

Richardson Middle School and all CPS school sites will serve as food distribution sites for CPS students. Food pick-up will take place outside of the school building and begins at every school on Tuesday, March 17 and is scheduled from 9 a.m.–1 p.m. Monday through Friday. CPS families can pick-up three days worth of meals at a time, each with two meals per child. No one will be allowed inside the building for any reason.

CPS is committed to supporting student learning and academic engagement during this time. I'm writing to let you know that Richardson Middle School has contingency learning plans in place so students can stay engaged academically.

During the closure of schools, students who are able to access the Internet can log into the digital platforms that their teachers have assigned them work to complete such as Edgenuity, where they can work on Reading and Math activities. Students should also be reading their independent reading text and completing their Reading Logs. Completion of these new learning activities will be counted as enrichment to ensure that our students do not regress academically during the time that school is closed. Please visit our school website at <http://richardson.cps.edu/> to access the websites that teachers have assigned students to work on. This is also a great time for students to make up any work that was previously assigned that was not turned in to the teacher. Students can reach out to their teachers with questions about their work using their cps email.

The district has been sending, and will continue to send, regular COVID-19 updates to parents and guardians with more specific guidance. Please listen to local news stations for updates on school closings and other information.

For the most reliable information about COVID-19, please visit:

- Chicago Department of Public Health: <http://www.chicago.gov/coronavirus>
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: <http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus>
- Chicago Public Schools: <https://cps.edu/coronavirus>

If you need help locating medical care, please reach out to the CPS Office of Student Health and Wellness at oshw@cps.edu or by calling the Healthy CPS Hotline at 773-553-KIDS (5437). If you have specific questions about our school's learning opportunities please contact 773-535-8640 or send an email to <http://richardson.cps.edu/contact.html>.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. Clouston

Principal