

## Supt's Update: 3-27-20

Hope this finds you and your family well.

This has been a busy week. There have been many outreach efforts on the part of our teachers to students. All grade levels are well underway with instruction that includes new learning, not just review. Similarly, our principals initiated online faculty meetings in Zoom with their teachers. All shared their experiences with distance learning and new strategies for teaching as a result of their communications with parents, students, and each other. The Board of Education, to, will be conducting community outreach via its **Board Meeting on Monday, March 30, 2020 at 7 pm via WebEx**. See our district website for instructions on how you can attend. We encourage you to participate by asking questions you may have through our new email address [PublicBeHeard@islandparkschools.org](mailto:PublicBeHeard@islandparkschools.org).

On Monday, March 30, we will resume our meal distribution program from Lincoln Orens Middle School for students who are eligible for free or reduced price breakfasts and lunches. The meals are distributed at the back of the cafeteria (in area where Fall Fair is held) during the hours of 8:30 am to 11:00 am. They are handed out through a sliding window in the kitchen so that parents/guardians and food service staff members are all able to maintain appropriate physical distance. We are most appreciative of our food service staff who are truly dedicated to the students and families of Island Park.

We also want to thank our custodians who assisted with the opening and closing of our buildings this past week so that Belfor was able to decontaminate and sanitize all areas of our schools this past week. Thank you, too, to our clerical staff whose hours of work at home have enabled the continuity of operations throughout this period. Everyone has truly pulled together.

As you may have heard today, the Governor stated **schools will remain closed until at least April 15**. I have not received his updated Executive Order but look forward to reading it. More to come on this.

While schools remain closed, in addition to reaching out to the child's teacher for assistance, other resources include:

Khan Academy at <https://www.khanacademy.org/>

iTutor at <https://itutor.com/>

Tutor Doctor at [tuhttps://www.tutordocor.com](https://www.tutordocor.com)

My best wishes to you and your family as you make every effort to stay healthy!