



# School City of East Chicago

Dee Etta Wright, **Interim Superintendent**

April 5, 2020

Dear Parents and Community,

As you may be aware, Governor Holcomb and Dr. Jennifer McCormick, Indiana State Superintendent, announced that all schools will be closed for the remainder of the 2019-20 school year. In addition, Governor Holcomb has extended the Stay at Home order for Indiana residents until April 20<sup>th</sup>. Further, the State of Indiana is requiring all school districts to complete 160 instructional days allowing only twenty Covid-19 waiver days. That being said, our plans for the remainder of the school year have been amended. Effective April 13, 2020, all instruction (K-12) will take place via ELearning Monday through Thursday. Whereas, School City of East Chicago certified staff will receive professional development every Friday.

Initially, K-2 students were provided with two week packets on both March 16<sup>th</sup> and March 23<sup>rd</sup>. Consequently, K-2 students were not allowed to borrow Chromebooks. Moving forward, all students in the district should have access to Chromebooks. That being said, all families with K-12 students will be allowed to borrow **one** Chromebook per household until the end of the school year. Our technology department will be available at the administration building April 8<sup>th</sup> from 8am-5pm for distribution. Again, parents/guardians must provide a valid Indiana driver's license and be listed in Skyward in order to borrow a device.

Further, the grading period ended March 27<sup>th</sup>. However, all students were given an April 9<sup>th</sup> 3pm deadline to complete all required ELearning assignments or packets. Report cards will be viewable in Skyward on April 14<sup>th</sup>. Please call our technology department during normal business hours at 219-391-4530 ext.12352 for log in information or assistance.

In the midst of these unforeseen circumstances, I am sure that there are several questions. Please visit our school website for commonly asked questions and continue to visit for constant updates. Stay safe and healthy.

Sincerely,

Dee-Etta Wright

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