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- SCHOOL MANDATED CLOSURE MARCH 17TH – APRIL 7TH, 2020 -

March 21st, 2020

Dear Brookwood School District 167 Staff and Community:

On behalf of the Board of Education for Brookwood School District 167, I want to thank you for the support you have shown and the creative ways you are adapting to this unprecedented situation. The impacts of the Coronavirus are touching every aspect of our lives. On Friday, March 20th, Governor Pritzker issued an executive order requiring residents to “**stay at home**” effective Saturday, March 21st at 5:00 pm, through the end of April 7th. As part of the Governor’s order, he announced that school will remain closed, with a new tentative reopening date of April 8th. We recognize that this development may raise questions about the impact on students, staff, and families as well as the school’s vital role of providing meals to students and families while schools are closed. We anticipate further guidance and details from the Illinois State Board of Education next week.

During this stay at home order, essential school personnel may still report to work as long as they are practicing social distancing. We want you to know the governor’s office has assured school districts that school personnel involved in providing meals will not be in violation of the governor’s executive order and that we can, and should, continue with our program, which has had a tremendous impact in making sure our students are not going hungry while school is closed. We will continue to provide meals to students through our “**Grab & Go**” Program. Parents can pick up meals at Brookwood Middle School on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:30 am – 11:00 am.

In addition, the governor has made it clear that, while he’s serious about using social distancing to slow the spread of COVID-19, he wants residents to still be able to work, shop at grocery stores, put gas in their cars, take walks outside and get medication from the pharmacy.

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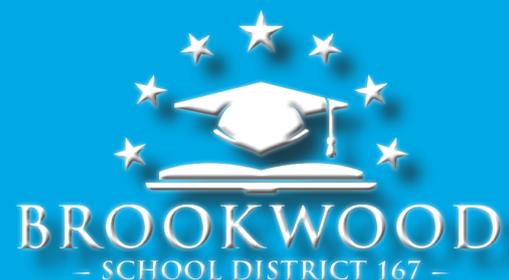
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Rest assured, we are committed to doing our best to provide meals and deliver continuity of education. Custodians, cafeteria staff, district/school office staff, and administrators will be reporting to work on limited/modified schedules.

Certified staff are providing learning resources and feedback for students via technology resources and various classified staff are completing professional development activities to support their growth from home.

Please use this opportunity to focus on staying safe and helping to slow the spread of the virus. As always, thank you for your patience and support as we all work through the COVID-19 Pandemic. As you have seen, this situation is evolving rapidly. As events unfold, we will continue to communicate in a timely and transparent manner.

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