



March 24, 2020

Dear Elmhurst Academy Parents and Families,

For tens of millions of Americans under stay-at-home orders as the coronavirus pandemic continues to rapidly unfold, our primary focus remains on protecting the health and safety of our students, faculty and staff.

Governor Pritzker, the Illinois Department of Public Health along with the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services, have announced an extension to the mandated school closure, through Tuesday, April 7, 2020. It is our current intention to re-open our school doors on Wednesday, April 8, 2020. We will continue to monitor and reassess the situation on a regular basis in partnership with all the appropriate authorities.

Please note, as of today, Elmhurst Academy will be in session on Friday, April 10, 2020, and Monday, April 13, 2020. This is a change to our current school calendar. Our teachers have been truly extraordinary during this time, and appreciate the continued efforts, creativity and innovation of implementing remote learning for your children. The team at Elmhurst Academy is fully engaged with meeting the challenges of this crisis, concentrating our efforts to fulfill our mission and maintain best practices. Our faculty and staff are more committed than ever to providing continued learning experiences for our students at home. Distance learning requires an all hands on deck approach with our teaching faculty, Director of Technology, and administrative staff putting in countless hours to ensure our students continue to have optimal learning and explorations at home. It is our goal to continue to support our entire faculty and staff during this mandated closure period.

It is during times like this we are humbled by the spirit, generosity and commitment of our school community. Please continue to have your children participate with the remote learning activities each day, and daily communication with your child's teachers.

We hope your family joins us in our #EASTRONG art movement....Andra tutto bene. Our hearts go out to those that have been affected throughout the world with COVID-19. Please stay healthy and well. We will get through this together.

Sincerely,
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