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MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

November 17, 2020

Dear NLS D Families,

Our school community has exceeded all expectations regarding the '20-'21 school year. We began the year sharing a vision to provide the very best for our students. We developed options for our families choosing remote and in-person. Our goal has always been to offer in-person instruction as long as the virus was not being spread within the schools and we were able to maintain staffing. We have reached a point where we are facing unsurmountable staffing challenges. We have daily unfilled positions and it has become impossible to maintain daily operations in all buildings. For that reason, we are pivoting to full remote learning.

Below is the timeline for remote learning:

- Due to a staffing shortage, we will implement the following timeline:
 - November 30 - December 18: High Priority Special Education Programs attend in-person on a modified schedule to be communicated during parent/teacher conferences
 - November 30 - December 18: Full remote plan for all other students
 - January 5 – January 15 ALL STUDENTS participate in full remote plan in order to quarantine post holiday
 - January 18 - Martin Luther King Holiday: No student attendance
 - January 19 - Return to in-person learning
- New Lenox Park District will continue providing ACES/Trailblazers within our buildings for childcare. They will be offering childcare from 6:30 AM-6:30 PM. More information from the Park District will be shared as it becomes available.
- Details regarding the plan to transition to remote learning will be communicated from individual buildings within the next few days.

Please know this decision did not come easy for anyone involved. We understand how difficult this will be for our school community. As with many of the challenges we have faced this year, our school community will get through this together.

Sincerely,

Lori R. Motsch, Ed.D
Superintendent