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Dear City of St. Charles School District families,

The District will officially be on spring break this next week through the following Monday. Especially during this tough time, we wish you all the best as you spend time with your family. Also, we hope that you were able to take advantage of the food service and instructional support plan (learning packet) we made available this week. We want to remind you that breakfast/lunch (in one bag) will still be available at no charge (drive-thru/grab n go) to all families at both Blackhurst and Monroe through spring break week, and the following week. Learning packets (Pre-K through 6th grade) can also be picked up at both locations (7-12 grade instruction will continue through virtual learning). Matthias' Lot Church (636-388-8242) is also continuing to deliver meals to families that need assistance.

As we go into spring break, please be aware that the St. Charles County Health Department is requiring anyone (ie. staff and students) traveling from any area with community transition of COVID-19 quarantine themselves for 14 days. An updated list of states affected can be found at the CDC. The list of states currently includes: Arkansas, California, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Iowa, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New York, New Jersey, Oregon, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, Washington, and Wyoming. Other countries, such as Mexico and several in Europe are also included. Anyone who has traveled or will be traveling to these areas must abide by the quarantine. Any questions about these restrictions should be directed to the health department at 636-949-1899.

During the past three days, our custodial/maintenance staff have been deep cleaning and disinfecting all of our schools. So, our buildings will be ready for students and staff to return as soon as we're able to.

As a reminder, the District will also be closed March 30-April 3. Our tentative return date for students is April 6. All school-related activities are canceled until April 6.

With the continuing closure and other districts in surrounding counties making decisions for the remainder of the school year, please know that we continue to keep the health and safety of our students and staff as our main priority. We are balanced in our decision making and don't take lightly the decisions we make to ensure our students, staff, and community are safe. Decisions on end of the year activities and events will be fully vetted, collaborated on, and clearly communicated with you as we move forward.

We will be sure to keep you updated if any new information arises, and/or we have other decisions to share with you. Please know that our team is preparing for extended (virtual)

learning opportunities beyond April 6, in case we find ourselves forced into a more extended closure. In order to prepare for that possibility, we would like for our K-6 families to take the following technology survey so we can provide chromebooks as needed. Please click here to take the K-6th technology survey (students in grades 7-12 already have access to District issued Chromebooks).

We hope that we see our students and staff filling our schools on April 6, but we need to be prepared for anything. In the meantime, please access this <u>calendar of virtual field trips that our team has created to extend your child's learning at home</u>. Thank you for your constant support, understanding, and trust during this very dynamic and unprecedented time. We are all in this together.

Happy spring break, and we'll be in touch soon.

Sincerely,
Dr. Jason Sefrit
Superintendent of Schools