



BLOOM TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 206

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April 20, 2020

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Dear Bloom Township District 206 Families,

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The families of District 206 are always in my thoughts as we continue with shelter-in-place and remote learning. We are presently converting all of our processes to operate as a remote learning school to meet the ever-changing demands of our current landscape. As I engage in daily meetings to stay on the forefront of information pertaining to COVID-19, the fiscal outlook, and overall educational shifts, I am grateful that our district has been able to remain steady throughout the movement. As we are finding ways to cope with our new social norms, there is something to be said for social interaction. I look forward to seeing all of the students and staff once everyone is able to return to school.

We are in our second week of remote learning. I enjoy hearing about the variety of ways in which our teachers are engaging their students in learning. We have a creative and caring staff and their work does not go unnoticed. Here is a link to the PATCH, which highlights some of their great work! <https://patch.com/illinois/chicagoheights/bloom-206-finds-new-ways-educate-amid-covid-19>. Additionally, I have attached a link to our Bloom Township YouTube channel with a variety of instructional resources which can be accessed by families and staff.

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<https://youtu.be/BIK6kIY4abo>
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As stated by our State Superintendent, Dr. Carmen I. Ayala, "We know the COVID-19 pandemic can wear on every resource — from food and shelter to our emotional bandwidth and mental health. Fortunately, the Illinois Department of Human Services has launched a support line called Call4Calm that is reachable via text. Individuals who want to speak with a mental health professional can text the word "TALK" or "HABLAR" (for Spanish speakers) to 552-020. Within 24 hours, that individual will receive a call from a mental health professional employed by a local community health center. People can also text other terms, like "unemployment" or "food" or "shelter" to the same number to receive information on how to navigate and access supports and services. Call4Calm is free, and individuals who use it can remain anonymous."

Additionally, many Illinoisans are currently in the process of completing the census for 2020. If you have not already completed it, I encourage you to do so. It can be completed by phone, online, or by mail.



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Governor Pritzker announced on Friday that school closure will continue through the rest of this school year. As a result, we are preparing virtual end of year activities for your students. As you continue to partner with us in education, please feel free to reach out to your student's teachers with any questions. A survey was sent out to capture your insights and that of your student regarding our implementation of remote learning. If you have not completed the survey, please access this link.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc6otmNZ9bvfyFMo7yo4O6GuwSTZsem7xD8RE05nKPhCazpig/viewform>

As always, feel free to reach out to me if can be of assistance. I thank you for your continued support of our schools and community.

Respectfully,

Dr. Lenell Navarre

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Estimadas familias del Distrito Escolar Bloom Township 206,

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Siempre pienso en las familias del Distrito Escolar 206 mientras continúa la orden de quedarse en casa y la educación a distancia. Actualmente estamos cambiando todos nuestros procesos para funcionar como escuela de educación a distancia para poder cumplir con las exigencias y necesidades que siguen cambiando en nuestra vida actual. Estoy agradecido que nuestro distrito escolar ha podido mantenerse estable a través de este movimiento mientras participo en reuniones diarias para poder estar al tanto de información nueva sobre el COVID-19, las perspectivas fiscales y en general los cambios educativos. Hay cosas que decir de la interacción social mientras encontramos cómo hacer frente con las nuevas normas sociales. Espero ver a todos los estudiantes y empleados ya cuando todos podamos regresar a la escuela.

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Estamos en nuestra segunda semana de educación a distancia. Disfruto escuchar las diferentes formas en como nuestros maestros siguen enseñando y motivando a los estudiantes. Tenemos empleados que son muy atentos y creativos y su trabajo es reconocido. Aquí esta el enlace de un artículo del PATCH, en el cual habla del gran trabajo que hacen.

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También he incluido un enlace a nuestro canal de YouTube Bloom Township con una variedad de recursos instruccionales que pueden ser de ayuda a familias y empleados.

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Como indico nuestra Superintendente Estatal, Dra. Carmen I. Ayala, "Sabemos que la pandemia de COVID-19 puede afectar varios recursos - desde los alimentos, refugio y nuestra salud emocional y mental. Afortunadamente, el Departamento de Servicios Humanos de Illinois ha abierto una línea de apoyo llamada Call4Calm que es accesible por mensaje de texto. Personas que quieran hablar con un especialista de salud mental pueden mandar un mensaje de texto con la palabra "TALK" o "HABLAR" (para hablantes de español) al 552-020. Dentro de 24 horas la persona recibirá una llamada de un



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especialista de salud mental que está empleado por un centro local comunitario de salud. Personas también pueden mandar otros mensajes de texto a este número como "unemployment" si está desempleado, "food" para alimentos y "shelter" para refugio. Al hacer esto recibirá información en cómo navegar y tener acceso a servicios de apoyo. Call4Calm es gratis, y la persona se mantendrá anónima." Adicionalmente, una gran cantidad de residentes de Illinois actualmente están en el proceso de completar el censo 2020. Si todavía no lo ha llenado, le recomiendo y le animo a que lo llene. Puede hacerlo por teléfono, en línea o por correo.

El gobernador Pritzker anunció el viernes pasado que el cierre escolar continuará hasta el fin de este año escolar. Como resultado, estamos preparando actividades del fin del año virtualmente para los estudiantes. Mientras continúa su colaboración con nosotros, favor de contactar a los maestros del estudiante si tiene alguna pregunta. Una encuesta fue enviada para saber su perspectiva y opinión, y la del estudiante también, sobre nuestra implementación de educación a distancia. Si no ha completado la encuesta, por favor accede a este enlace.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc6otmNZ9bvfYFMo7yo4O6GuwSTZsem7xD8RE05nKPhCazpig/viewform>

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Como siempre, favor de contactarme por si puedo asistirle en algo. Le agradezco por su constante apoyo hacia nuestras escuelas y comunidad.

Respetuosamente,

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