



August 6, 2020

Dear East Aurora Families,

Last week we announced that all East Aurora School District 131 schools will begin the 2020-21 school year with full remote learning until November 4. While this decision was extremely difficult, in doing so, EASD 131 will best support the health and safety of our students, staff and families.

Today, as promised, I am sharing with you several important resources, including updated "full remote learning" schedules for every grade level, from preschool through high school.

We also are sharing with you a new meal distribution schedule, which begins on August 24 and will continue through November 3. The schedule will again include school sites and bus route distribution. Although we are living in challenging times, we also know that good nutrition is a critical component to a student's academic success. I encourage your family to take advantage of this service.

We know that child care needs, for before, during, and after school, are a major concern for many of our families. In addition to the flyer of area child care resources included this week, we are also pleased to share a new child care program partnership with Fox Valley Park District for our families with students in Kindergarten through grade 5.

Families can register for extended or "e-Care" for a full-day child care program with 2, 3 or 5-day options. A financial assistance program is available by contacting your building principal. Be sure to see the flyer for more information.

Finally, please see the updated 2020-21 School Calendar. The changes include November 3rd as a mandatory State of Illinois non-attendance day for Election Day. It also includes the addition of November 25th as a teacher plan day and therefore fully asynchronous day for students.

The first two days of school, August 24th and 25th will be on-line orientation days. All students will log-in to their 1st class based on the schedule for their alpha slice, at their regular school start time for only 1 hour both days. During this one hour, teachers will make introductions and students and families can make sure all devices are connected and settings are ready for learning.

Thank you to all our parents who have used our fall2020@d131.org email to ask questions and share concerns. I am proud to say that as of this writing we have responded to every request, and your feedback has been helpful in allowing us to be sure your student's needs are met.

I know that this pandemic has significantly and personally affected our families and our school community. Please continue to follow the guidelines of keeping social distance, frequent hand washing, and wearing your mask.

Be well,

Dr. Jennifer Norrell, Superintendent
East Aurora School District 131