



August 19, 2020

**Reavis High School D220 & Burbank School D111 Students, Parents, and Guardians:**

### **Introduction**

It is with much frustration that we need to inform you that due to major changes to state guidelines from the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) and Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) that will significantly and immediately impact how we are able to continue in-person instruction, Burbank School - D111 and Reavis High School - D220 will be moving to a fully **Remote Learning Model**. Central Stickney - D110 had previously made the decision to start the school year in a full remote model, so nothing will change for them. District 110 was consulted every step of the way and are in full support of our districts pivoting to a full remote learning model. Ms. Erin Hackett, Superintendent of D110, Dr. Franzy Fleck, Superintendent of D111, and Dr. Dan Riordan, Superintendent of D220 have communicated weekly and are unified in doing what is best for the students and families of Burbank and Stickney communities.

### **Details of the New Guidance**

The Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) issued an FAQ advisory on Thursday, August 13<sup>th</sup>, and then again yesterday, Tuesday, August 18<sup>th</sup>. The new guidelines include additional requirements for close contact protocols, the management of COVID-like symptoms, stricter rules on who needs to be quarantined, and fit testing personnel with N95 masks. ***These new rules, guidance, and regulations make it virtually impossible to continue our in-person instruction.*** You can access all of the FAQ advisory at <https://www.isbe.net/Documents/IDPH-School-FAQs.pdf>

### **What Was Done to Get Our Buildings Prepared**

For months, the districts' Board of Educations, Administrative Teams, Maintenance and Support Staffs, Faculty Members, and Stickney Township Health & Medical Personnel have worked diligently, putting in hundreds of hours and spending thousands of dollars to build a safe and effective learning plan, so we could reopen our buildings for our students in compliance with the state guidelines released in June and July. From purchasing a mask for every student, to placing social distancing signage on the floors and hallways, to making sure each classroom had desks at least 6 feet apart, we all felt like we were prepared and ready to welcome our students. To be clear, we have full confidence in the **Hybrid/Blended Learning** in-person instruction models we developed. Our teachers were excited to see their students, and although the school year was going to look quite different, the districts stood ready to positively impact all of our students' educational experiences.

### **What Will be Done Moving Forward**

We realize our families will have several questions, none more important and pressing than, ***"When exactly will we be able to have in-person instruction?"*** The answer to that question is simply, ***"We are not sure."*** What we can and will do is make this **Remote Learning Model** experience as positive as possible for you and your students. You have our commitment that the learning programs the districts have set up for this semester will be better than they were in the spring. We all need to work together until this pandemic is under control and/or the IDPH & ISBE guidelines allow us to welcome our students back into the buildings safely. Each district will communicate their specific plans and new calendars in the coming days.

## Important Dates

### Reavis High School – District 220

- Thursday, August 20<sup>th</sup> – In-Person Orientation Day for Senior Students
- Friday, August 21<sup>st</sup> – Teacher Institute Day – No Students
- Monday, August 24<sup>th</sup> through Friday, August 28<sup>th</sup>
  - ALL Students will be Remote Learning
  - Students and Teachers will engage through Zoom & Google Meets
  - There will be no in-person instruction these days
  - There will not be any Blue or Grey Teams
- Please visit the Reavis High School website to see the new daily schedule and read through the entire updated “**Enhanced Remote Learning Plan**”

### Burbank School – District 111

- Monday, August 24<sup>th</sup> – Teacher Institute Day – No Students
- Tuesday, August 25<sup>th</sup> – Technology Test & Meet Your Teacher Day
- Wednesday, August 26<sup>th</sup> – First Day for Group A – In-Person
- Thursday, August 27<sup>th</sup> – First Day for Group B – In-Person
- Friday, August 28<sup>th</sup> – Teacher Institute – No Students
- Monday, August 31<sup>st</sup> – ALL Students will be Remote Learning
- Please visit the Burbank School District website to see the new daily schedule and read through the entire updated “**Remote Learning Plan**”

Our Board of Education Members, Administrative Teams, and Faculty & Staff Members remain hopeful that, when restrictions are eased, we will be able to seamlessly transition back to **Hybrid/Blended Learning** and return students to campus safely. Please continue to stay connected because more information will be forthcoming. We appreciate your continued support and patience during this unprecedented time.

Sincerely,



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