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December 2, 2020

Dear District 25 Families,

Today, after conversation with the Cook County Department of Public Health (CCDPH), I've made the decision to move Thomas Middle School to a remote learning model effective Thursday, December 3rd through Monday, December 14th. This is a result of 11 positive COVID-19 cases recently reported in our school. The Cook County Department of Public Health stated that it would be ideal for me to move the school into a full remote learning model at this time. Therefore, all students will be participating in their classes from home or from a remote location starting tomorrow.

Staff members will be asked to work remotely, initially, and we will further assess their return to the building as it is safe to do so.

As we have shared in previous communications, the decision to close a classroom or school will often come with little warning due to the fluidity and unpredictable nature of the virus and its direct impact on our schools. While we know this will pose challenges for many of our families, we hope you will understand that we must place the safety, health, and wellbeing of our students and staff above our desire to keep a school physically open.

I want to assure you that Thomas Middle School has adhered to and even exceeded all health and safety measures recommended by the CCDPH, including keeping 6 feet of distance whenever possible, wearing face coverings, washing hands and sanitizing the building more frequently. We are working closely with the CCDPH and are prepared to implement any additional measures recommended by the CCDPH.

Again, ***all students will learn remotely beginning Thursday, December 3rd through Monday, December 14th.***

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Sincerely,

Lori Bein, Ed.D.  
Superintendent