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Dear City of St. Charles School District families,

I hope this letter finds you well. As we're settling into our virtual learning programming I would like to bring a few important items of information to your attention.

Starting next week (April 20th), grades preK-8 will move to a 4 day learning week. Our staff will continue to work and connect with students five days a week. However, no "new" instructional material will be presented/given out on Fridays (high school students already are working on this schedule, so no changes are being made to grades 9-12). We hope this new weekly schedule will give staff and students more allotted time to master essential learning skills and give everyone some breathing room. Fridays will be set aside for students to work on assignments, students to receive extra/additional help from teachers, staff to connect with students, and for staff PD/planning.

As a reminder to secondary parents, we want to bring the "hold harmless" clause to your attention regarding grading. If students complete 'minimum requirements' for engaging with virtual learning and completing activities/assignments at least 75% of the time, the 'hold harmless' clause will go into effect for students in grades 7-12. If the students meet the 'hold harmless' clause at grades 7-8, then their semester grade will be a Pass. Since letter grades and percentages will continue to be given at the high school level (and for high school courses taken at middle school), their semester grade *cannot* be lower than the 3rd quarter grade, but assignments could improve the overall grade. High school parents and students will receive an email with the 3rd quarter 'hold harmless' grade this week from pulse@stcharlessd.org. For more information on grading, go to [Parent Presentation for Extended Closure Expectations](#). We encourage students to stay connected and fully engaged in their learning throughout the remainder of the school year. Thank you parents for your help with this.

Under the guidelines from Missouri's Department of Elementary and Secondary Education and due to the unprecedented COVID-19 closure, we are moving our last day of school back to our original Board approved date. **Thursday, May 21st will be the last day** of school/virtual instruction for all students, PreK-12th grades.

The District leadership team is in the process of discussing/planning special ways to honor our senior class and graduation. We appreciate your continued understanding, patience, and support. Please note we are also looking into a day where students can visit school (in early summer) to pick up/drop off any items they need to. Information about these plans, as well as possible postponement or cancelation of summer activities (camps/etc), will be shared as soon as possible. Breakfast/lunch service is continuing with pick-up times on Tuesday and Friday at Jefferson Intermediate and Hardin Middle (8:30-11:30 AM). Also, all SCSD buildings, fields, tracks, and playgrounds remain closed until further notice.

I'm so proud of the way our community has stayed united and strong together. We will continue to support you in any way we can. If you need anything please reach out, we are here to help!

United together,
Dr. Jason Sefrit
Superintendent of Schools