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Dear Willow Families:

As we get through the end of April together, I hope that you are well -- that your family is healthy and that you are continuing to stay at home and stay safe. This afternoon, Governor Pritzker extended the Stay at Home Order through May 30<sup>th</sup>. It's boring and by now we're tired of it, but it's been working and it's the right thing to do to keep the most vulnerable people safe and alive.

If you or a family you know needs services for food, housing, financial assistance with bills, medical clinics and a host of other programs, go to [www.findhelp.org](http://www.findhelp.org). This is a very slick website where you type in the zip code and it gives you information for the services available in the area. Our social worker, Lauren Herrera, checked it out and verified that all of the places on our previous form are included on the site -- and many, many more. Please share the site with anyone and everyone. The link will also be posted to our website.

I was reading yesterday that in our community 50% of people have completed the US Census. That's a great number to start with. But it's not enough. Please remember that all federal funding is based on an accurate census count. Our school benefits from federal dollars, so an accurate count affects our students. Please go to [www.2020census.gov](http://www.2020census.gov) or complete and mail the paper version that was sent to your home. Our students are counting on you being counted!

Thank you for continuing to work with your children on schoolwork and encouraging them to complete and submit it. You are very much appreciated. As a team between home and school, our students are continuing their schooling.

Grab'n'Go meals continue to be available at Willow Springs School from 9:30-10am, Monday -- Friday and at the Clubhouse at Sterling Estates from 10:30-11:00am, Monday -- Friday.

It's a privilege for us at school to be walking with you down this new path. Together, we're making the world a better place for our kids, our families and our communities. We hope the path is a short one, but know no matter how long the path is, we'll be there with you!

Sincerely yours,

Frank C. Patrick