



REGIONAL OFFICE OF EDUCATION
KANE COUNTY

Patricia Dal Santo, Regional Superintendent

March 13, 2020

Dr. Jason Pearson
School District 303
201 South 7th Street
St. Charles, IL 60174

Dear Dr. Pearson,

Thank you for submitting your e-learning plan to the ROE. It does meet the educational criteria required by statute at this time, and, as such, should your district choose to close schools.

As you are aware, the Illinois State Board of Education is seeking waivers for the following statutory requirements:

- Allows district superintendent to adopt the plan without board approval
- Removes school board requirement to hold a public hearing
- Allows districts to use e-learning days for the duration of the state emergency declaration
- Removes September 1 plan approval deadline
- Removes 30-day protocol notification requirement

At the writing of this email, the only aspects of your plan that are not complete are some of those listed above. Because ISBE recognizes it is in the best interest of our students to seek relief from those particular mandates and your plan aligns with the intent of the law, I encourage you to move forward with it as presented if needed.

Thank you for all of your efforts to help maintain the continuity of education for our students.

Sincerely,

Patricia Dal Santo
Kane County
Regional Superintendent of Schools



Illinois State Board of Education

e-Learning Program Verification Form

According to Section 10-20.56 of the School Code [105 ILCS 5/10-20.56], school districts may, by adopted resolution, utilize "e-learning days" in lieu of emergency days. The number of e-learning days may not exceed the number of emergency days in the approved school calendar. The district's e-learning program must be verified by the regional office of education or intermediate service center for the school district prior implementation. Before adoption, the school board must hold a public hearing for initial proposal or renewal of e-learning program by:

- District Name: St. Charles CUSD 303
- Publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the school district at least 10 days prior to hearing
Date of Publication: Waived by ISBE
- Written or electronic notice designed to reach the parents or guardians of all students enrolled in the district
Date of Notification: Waived by ISBE
- Written or electronic notice designed to reach any exclusive collective bargaining representatives of school district employees and all those employees not in a collective bargaining unit
Date of Notification: Waived by ISBE
- The school board's approval of a district's initial e-learning program and renewal of the e-learning program shall be for a term of 3 years
Date of Public Hearing: Waived by ISBE Date of Board Meeting/Resolution: Waived by ISBE

Specifically, the regional office of education or intermediate service center for the school district must verify that the e-learning proposal will: 1) ensure access for all students; ensure that the specific needs of all students are met, including special education students and English learners; ensure that all mandates are still met using the e-Learning program adopted; and 2) contain provisions designed to reasonably and practicably accomplish the following:

- Ensure and verify at least 5 clock hours of instruction or school work, as required under Section 10-19.05, for each student participating in an e-learning day
- Ensure access from home or other appropriate remote facility for all students participating, including computers, the Internet, and other forms of electronic communication that must be utilized in the proposed program
- Ensure that non-electronic materials are made available for students participating in the program who do not have access to the required technology or to participating teachers or students who are prevented from accessing the required technology
- Ensure appropriate learning opportunities for students with special needs
- Monitor and verify each student's electronic participation
- Address the extent to which student participation is within the student's control as to the time, pace, and means of learning
- Provide effective notice to students and their parents or guardians of the use of particular days for e-learning
- Provide staff and students with adequate training for e-learning days' participation
- Ensure that all teachers and staff who may be involved in the provisions of e-learning have access to any and all hardware and software that may be required for the program
- Ensure an opportunity for any collective bargaining negotiations with representatives of the school district's employees that would be legally required, and including all classifications of school district employees who are represented by collective bargaining agreements and who would be affected in the event of an e-learning day
- Review and revise the program as implemented to address difficulties confronted
- Ensure that the protocol regarding general expectations and responsibilities of the program is communicated to teachers, staff, and students at least 30 days prior to utilizing an e-learning day

Jason Pearson
Verified by: School Dist. Superintendent (printed)

Jason Pearson
Signature*

3/13/2020
Date

Patricia DeSanto
Verified by: Regional Superintendent (printed)

Patricia DeSanto
Signature

3/13/20
Date

*Supporting documentation for any/all items listed may be required by the regional office of education or intermediate service center.