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Thornton Fractional District 215 Board of Education votes on third quarter learning plan

Lansing, IL- At last night's meeting, the Board of Education, at the recommendation of Superintendent Dr. Sophia Jones-Redmond, voted for District 215 students to remain in a remote-only learning setting for the third quarter of the 2020-21 school year. The plan tentatively begins to bring teachers back into the building for the first time on February 16, 2021 and will tentatively begin to bring some students back to the building in a limited capacity at the beginning of March. The option from the Return to School Plan voted on by the board would then possibly bring back additional students beginning March 15, which is the start of the fourth quarter.

The following services will continue to be available to District 215 students in the third quarter:

- Schools will continue providing meals 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. for students on all days when school is in session and can provide delivery if requested
- The student support hotline to support student mental health will resume operation at the beginning of quarter 3. It is available from 3:30- 6:00 p.m. Monday through Friday
- Student Success Wednesdays will continue to allow teachers to work one on one or in smaller groups with students who need additional support outside of class
- Teachers will continue to hold 90 minutes of virtual office hours at the end of each school day (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday) to offer extra help to students
- Many student activities will continue meeting virtually, allowing students to connect or reconnect with extracurriculars.
- The technology team will continue to be available to assist with technical difficulties

Dr. Sophia Jones-Redmond, superintendent, stated, "Our first priority continues to be the safety of our students and staff. While we are disappointed not to be able to safely bring back students in January, we have drafted a comprehensive plan for the return to the buildings, which will begin with bringing teachers on site in February."

About Thornton Fractional High School District 215: District 215 serves the students of Burnham, Calumet City, Lansing, and Lynwood at Thornton Fractional North High School, Thornton Fractional South High School, Thornton Fractional Center for Academics and Technology, and Thornton Fractional Center for Alternative Learning. The mission of District 215 is to provide diverse learning opportunities that inspire all students to become life-long learners who contribute to their community.