

D187 – Article for Foss Park District e-newsletter

With the statewide school closure and the many challenges our schools and community are facing, District 187 has sought to be creative and forward thinking, addressing the issues at hand while also thinking bigger and longer term. Rather than take a band aid approach, our goal is to be strategic and accelerate our support for students and families.

- District 187 is now 100% 1-to-1. All students, K-12, have Chromebooks and we are giving families hotspots to connect to the internet when needed.
- We are redeploying grant and local funds so principals can implement tutoring and social-emotional response plans based on the needs of their school.
- The district used grant funding to purchase headphones for every student, at every school, to help them focus during remote learning.
- Green Bay Early Childhood Center, North Chicago Community High School, Alexander Elementary School, AJ Katzenmaier Academy, and Forrestal Elementary School have completed construction projects to support and enhance student learning when they can safely return.
- District 187 is excited to announce the opening of the Parent Resource Center (PRC). The new D187 PRC is located at the NCCHS – Main Entrance, 1717 17th Street – and is open every Monday from 1:00pm to 7:00pm. We are currently focused on supporting families with technology issues and completion of college financial aid forms (FAFSA). As the needs and interests of our families grow so will the PRC's hours and offerings. Please come by and if you have any questions, reach out to Ebony Wilson - ewilson@d187.org

Thanks to ongoing, strategic financial planning, District 187 is prepared to meet the financial challenges that school districts across the country are facing due to COVID. This includes being able to fund everything mentioned above as well as the purchase of PPE and implementation of rigorous cleaning and social distancing protocols to welcome students back when it is safe to do so.

We are grateful for all of our community partners, including Foss Park District, as we collaborate to support our students and the entire community through these challenging times. Together, we are stronger than ever!

Dr. John Price, Superintendent, North Chicago District 187