Dear Parents/Guardians/Staff and School Community,

First, thank you for your patience and support as we collectively navigate an evolving COVID-19 response plan. Late last evening, Governor Whitmer directed the closure of all K-12 schools statewide from Monday, March 16, 2020 through Sunday, April 5, 2020 in order to slow the spread of COVID-19. The Governor also noted that the number of presumptive positive cases of COVID-19 in Michigan is now 12.

In light of this information, our staff has begun preparation of resources to support students and families to minimize disruption to learning during the course of this extended school closure. Please refer to correspondence from your child’s teacher for specific resources for your child. Our offices will be staffed on Monday and Tuesday March 16th and 17th from 10 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. as well as March 24th and 31st from 10 A.M. to 2 P.M.

All afterschool activities, and events scheduled on Friday, March 13, 2020 through Sunday, April 6, 2020 are likewise cancelled, in accordance with the Governor’s guidance. This includes all sports practices and games. At this time, Spring Break will remain as scheduled from April 6th – April 10th.

Please also note that learning at our schools primarily occurs inside classrooms with face-to-face teaching by certified instructors using interactive technology tools. We are committed to providing students and families with resources to support continuation of meaningful learning during school closures, however, we are not suggesting that this replaces instruction. Any guidance on recovering the learning that may be lost during a potential school closing will come from the Michigan Department of Education.

We will remain vigilant in monitoring the ongoing guidance provided by our health officials, and in sharing timely and accurate information to the extent possible. We are developing a "Frequently Asked Questions" document with additional guidance/clarification of setting aside attendance policies, resources available to support families, and will address specific questions students, families or staff members may have over the coming days and weeks.

We understand that closing school can be difficult for our families, this is a highly unusual situation that calls for our careful and thoughtful response in order to maintain safe and secure learning environments for our students and our staff. As always, we value our strong community partnership as we work together with our students, staff, families and community to promote the safety, health and well-being of all.

Sincerely,

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