



Message from North Muskegon Public Schools

Dear Norse Nation:

This newest message is being sent with much emotion... As I am sure you know, our public schools have been shut down in regards to face-to-face learning for the remainder of the 2019 - 2020 school year. I am sorry for the significant burden and stress this will cause our entire school community. However, I know we will all work together to provide our students the BEST educational experience possible! We will all learn together!

Despite the shutdown, please know that our District Leadership Team, District School Improvement Team and many staff members individually and in teams have been working behind the scenes to prepare for what seemed to be playing out to be inevitable. I am incredibly grateful for the continued efforts by our staff, and I would like to thank our full school community for their understanding, flexibility, patience, and support during an uncertain time in our lives.

Do know that, following Spring Break, school will resume; however, school will resume in a way that none of us have ever experienced. What I can tell you is that our overall education plan will evolve, and we will continue to put our students first!

So, here is our current plan -

1. Please take time to enjoy Spring Break as scheduled. Please embrace this time with loved ones! We want our school community to take time to relax and reflect. Yes, these are difficult times, but we can still make the most of this down time. It seems a bit odd addressing a break, but I do wish everyone a wonderful spring break. While I have no clue of each of your unique situations, personally or professionally, I am praying for calmness, safety, and health. Be safe, be smart, and know that NM will endure this unprecedented time, **WE ARE A TRUE COMMUNITY**, and we will endure!
2. Our administrative team with the assistance of other staff as needed, will be working to finalize our "Continuity of Learning Plan" and assuring approval as deemed under the Governor's Executive Order No. 2020-35.
3. When approved, this plan will be shared with all of you. This will hopefully occur the middle of next week.
4. Our plan will begin implementation on Monday, April 13th.

As always, we will continue to keep you posted with communication and updates. There are obviously many details that need to be addressed. Please trust we will make these with our full community's safety in the forefront. While the education of our children is extremely important,



the safety and wellbeing of our community, State and Nation need to be at the center of our actions.

I am certain there are many questions. Please be patient and I am hopeful we will be able to address all questions/concerns/thoughts/ideas as we move forward.

Additional resources if needed:

- MICHIGAN'S COVID-19 HOTLINE

MICHIGAN'S COVID-19 HOTLINE: The hotline is open seven days a week from 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. at 1-888-535-6136. The latest information is also available at Michigan.gov/Coronavirus and CDC.gov/Coronavirus.

- TALKING TO YOUR KIDS ABOUT COVID-19

- Wondering how to talk to your child about COVID-19 in an age-appropriate way? [Here](#) is a great resource to help parents.

- STAY HEALTHY

- We must take physical distancing and safe hygiene practices seriously!

- We must slow the curve, slow down the spread of COVID-19

- Mercy Health has created a COVID-19 Hotline. If you have questions or concerns about COVID-19, you can call 1-833-247-1258 for up-to-date information and use guidelines from the Center for Disease Control and World Health Organization.

Take care of yourself and your loved ones,