

Dear Norse Family,

As you all probably know by now, last night Governor Whitmer closed all schools in the State from March 16 until April 6. Per that directive and that of our County Health Director, all buildings will be locked down and not used for the duration of this closure by anyone except for those that have superintendent permission. During this closure, deep cleaning will occur to ensure a healthy and safe learning environment upon our student and staff return.

With this closure there will be no classes or extracurricular activities of any kind taking place in our school buildings or on school grounds. This unfortunately includes many activities our community loves and supports.

All students may access food service programming throughout our county. Please go to our webpage "Coronavirus Updates" area for a listing of available food programs.

Our spring break begins April 6 and runs to April 10. Unless otherwise directed by the Governor, we will maintain these dates for our spring break. So after the end of school today, the next time we are in session will be April 13.

We have not yet heard how this closure will impact state testing, but will communicate that with you once MDE makes those determinations.

Please know that these are unprecedented times requiring unprecedented action, and that the decisions coming from those charged with our welfare are fluid. Therefore, I will communicate with you via email, social media, and/or robocall should there be any changes regarding this closure.

There are so many disappointments that this closure creates. My heart breaks for the students, staff, and volunteers who have put so much time and dedication into all of our planned activities. I hope that we find comfort in the fact that adhering to this mandated closure is a form of civic duty intended to benefit the health of all our people. Together we will navigate these strange and difficult waters, and come out of this healthy and stronger as a community.

With Norse Pride, Curt