



Message from North Muskegon Public Schools

Hello Norse Nation!

What a wild ride this spring continues to be! While we can see the light at the end of the tunnel for the 2019/20 School Year, we will all continue to navigate our new world as we move into summer. Please know much planning, work, development, and communication will continue over the next several weeks/months. This update is being sent to provide information relative to our impending end of the school year. Please keep an eye out for future communications - they will continue through the summer months as plans are put in place for our 2020/21 School Year!

Class of 2020: Congratulations, again! Your maturity, grace and loving attitude is an inspiration to our full school community! Thank you!

Plan for the Remaining School Calendar Days:

- During the week of June 1- June 5th: We will continue instructional practices and provide as much closure-type activities as possible for our students and staff.
- Friday, June 5th - We will “wrap up” all new instruction and provide students the opportunity to submit all needed work.
- Monday, June 8 - Wednesday, June 10- We will work with specific students that have "loose ends" and attempt to gather any and all needed work. Students that were able to do this by Friday the 5th - great!
- Monday, June 8 - Wednesday, June 10- All students/families will be coming to the school to retrieve their materials. Please watch for a plan from your Principal.

Summer Learning Opportunities:

- MS/HS will have the opportunity for credit recovery through our partnership with Reeths-Puffer Schools. Please contact the school office or counseling office for assistance.
- Elementary will be providing a Summer Reading Support Program. More information will be going out soon.

Food Distribution: This will continue through at least the end of June. We have submitted for a waiver to be able to continue this opportunity through the full summer, but we have not gotten



approval yet. We will continue to communicate as we get information. The time will remain the same for the distribution - Wednesdays from 10:00 am - Noon.

2020/21 Budget: I am confident you are aware of the major shortfall of school funding due to the virus shutdown. All districts in the State of Michigan must submit a balanced budget no later than June 30th. We are actively preparing to assure we meet this deadline. As you can guess, it is extremely difficult to plan when there are so many uncertainties surrounding us along with the threat of budget reductions. Please know, any cut to school funding will have a negative impact on programming available to our students. Please watch for further funding updates. In the meantime, please go to <https://www.voterveoice.net/OurKidsFutureMI/Home> to make your voice heard. This is extremely important!

2020/21 Calendar: The Board of Education began calendar negotiations with the Teachers Union in January and were anticipating having our 2020/21 calendar established before Spring Break like in years past. However, things have been delayed due to our current situation. I understand many are interested in knowing some critical pieces of next year's calendar. So, at this point, I can share that it looks like our first day of school will be Monday, August 31. The county-wide established Holiday Break is December 21 - January 1, Mid Winter Break is February 12 & 15, and Spring Break is April 2 - 9. These dates are tentative at this time, but many have requested this information. We are hopeful to have a calendar finalized soon.

Next School Year: Wow do I wish I had all the answers to this one... I can share that we continue to be actively involved at the Local, Regional and State level. We are involving many in our process and I stand very confident we (NM School Community) will come up with a solid plan to support all of our student's academic success. Much more to come on this topic, but please be assured we are "on it" and will communicate aspects of our plan as they are developed and finalized. Thank you for your patience, passion and desire to continue to make NM the BEST it can be!

Take care and have a relaxing weekend!