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Attention Huron Families:

In the first week of April, Governor Whitmer signed an executive order which closed all school buildings for the rest of the 2019-2020 school year. This same executive order mandated that instruction take place using “remote learning” options for the remainder of the school year. In addition, requirements have been established by the Michigan Department of Education, and schools must comply with these requirements in order to receive funding and continue services. As part of the remote learning efforts, all students are required to participate in at-home learning for the remainder of the school year. This will give students opportunities to earn credit and make steady progress in preparation for next school year.

As a result, the Huron School District has completed a “Continuity of Learning Plan” that outlines the District’s efforts to provide remote learning options to students. The plan follows a model that is consistent with the Huron School District’s strategic plan, providing instruction that stresses rigor, relevance, and relationships for all students. This plan is being submitted to Wayne County RESA for approval, in accordance with guidance from the Michigan Department of Education. Once approved, this document will be posted on the Huron School District website.

In an effort to offer purposeful learning to all students, the Huron School District is launching a new web site called the Huron Learning Hub. This site is intended to help our students and parents as they transition to remote learning during the school closure. Parents will find information and resources on the site that will help keep them informed and equipped during this time. Students will find ways to connect with teachers, log-in to Google Classroom sites for instruction, and explore content and resources. We are working to develop the final details of the site now, and we will be launching our remote learning instructional program, along with the Huron Learning Hub site, on April 20, 2020.

As teachers work collaboratively to develop and refine Google Classroom sites that will provide at-home learning opportunities, we are encouraging students to log-in to their student Gmail accounts and join their teachers’ Google Classroom(s) that have been developed and shared with students. The Google Classroom platform will be used as a primary resource for delivering remote learning within the district. More information pertaining to the student log-in process, Google Classroom, and The Huron Learning Hub will be mailed home later this week, prior to the April 20, 2020 remote learning launch. This mailing will contain information pertaining to remote learning weekly schedules, student grading, and the 2019-2020 remaining calendar.

We are aware that some homes are not equipped with internet connectivity and/or internet capable devices. The Huron School District is working to provide internet connectivity options for families without internet at home. We are also developing options for parents to sign-out a device for student use at home, in households where a need is present. More information related to internet connectivity and devices will also be included in our upcoming mailing.

In addition, the Huron School District is asking parents to update their email information in our MiStar web portal. Instructions can be found at https://docs.google.com/document/d/1-7h4sZXybj-Y-SR2u4MzJAuCCvvR7_xnu9ZAuk8m5SE/edit?usp=sharing to help parents through the updating process.

The Huron School District will continue to provide continuity of meal service on Tuesdays and Fridays throughout the school closure period. Starting Tuesday, April 14th we will be doing trunk food pickup only. We are asking that recipients pop their trunks and allow food service workers to place the food in the trunk of the vehicles. Recipients will also see a reduced number of bags; however, the amount of food will be the same. Our delivery dates and times will be the same: Tuesdays & Fridays 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM, in the Huron High School circle drive. We will continue to distribute 3 days of food on Tuesdays and 4 days of food on Fridays.

I know that questions still exist pertaining to the details of the learning plan and remote learning, and I hope that our upcoming mailing will help to answer those questions. I also know that parents with Senior level students have questions related to graduation, prom, and other senior activities. I want you to know that we are monitoring the Stay Home/Stay Safe guidelines

carefully, and we are considering all available options in order to celebrate our Senior students. We will be publishing more information about our seniors in subsequent communications.

Thank you again for your patience and understanding as we finalize our remote learning plans. I am proud of our staff and community, and I am looking forward to our remote learning launch on April 20, 2020. As always, feel free to contact us if you have questions. Have a great day, and stay safe out there.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Donovan Rowe". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Donovan Rowe
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