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Attention Huron Families:

This morning, Governor Whitmer announced that she is instituting a state wide “Stay Home, Stay Safe Executive Order” in the state of Michigan. According to Governor Whitmer, this order requires all Michigan residents to remain in their homes “for at least the next three weeks.”

“Essential work” will be required to continue, in order to ensure state functionality and continuation of services. This includes banks, gas stations, grocery stores, pharmacies, and other “essential life-saving services.” Our school breakfast and lunch distribution fits into this category and will continue during this time, with the exception of the Spring Break, scheduled for April 6-10. No district employees will be working during the scheduled Spring Break on our calendar. I applaud the efforts of our food service department, custodial staff, and district volunteers who have participated in the food service distribution for community. This service is essential for students who need it, and I am grateful for all of the individuals who continue to work to serve our families.

Governor Whitmer’s announcement also included an amendment to the school closure executive order. The School closure has been extended through April 13, which includes the time of our already scheduled spring break, plus one extra day. At this time, classes are expected to resume on Tuesday, April 14, 2020. We can expect more information pertaining to the closure to follow from the Governor’s office and the Michigan Department of Education.

The Michigan Department of Education sent out a press release stating that the federal government has approved preliminary waivers for state M-Step testing for this year. In other words, it looks as though the state assessment requirements will be waived for the 2019-2020 school year. I have attached the press release to this email.

We are still awaiting information and guidance related to many questions impacting schools and the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year. One question on everyone’s mind is the possible extension of the school year and the possibility of make-up days vs. waiving missed instructional days and time. We still have many unanswered questions, but new information seems to be coming out each day. I will attempt to keep you posted as this situation develops.

The Huron School District is also working to support our community in other ways. Today, in cooperation with Representative Darrin Camilleri, the Huron School District donated 250 face masks, 193 boxes of gloves, and one box of hand sanitizing gel to our local healthcare systems. We hope that these donations will help support our health care workers in their fight against COVID-19.

I know that this crisis can seem overwhelming and is difficult for all of us. Please know that I am thinking of you and your families during this time. I will continue communicating more information as the situation develops. Have a good day, and be 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
Superintendent of Schools
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