



LINDEN COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

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Dear Students, Parents, Staff and Community Members,

Over the past 24 hours there has been a lot of communication released regarding the Coronavirus (COVID-19). Governor Whitmer and representatives from the Michigan Department of Health & Human Services announced recommendations for keeping students and staff healthy. In an effort to help mitigate the spread of the COVID-19 and prepare for situations that may impact the safety and learning of our students, Linden Community Schools has made the following changes.

Our immediate plan is as follows:

- All field trips are suspended until further notice.
- All school-sponsored travel is suspended until further notice.
- All assemblies and performances involving school related groups/clubs are suspended until further notice.
- All Community Education activities/events, rentals, and gatherings scheduled to take place within our school facilities are suspended until further notice.
- All Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA) tournament events will continue in accordance with guidance issued by the MHSSA. Updates will be posted at www.mhsaa.com
- School related after school activities (clubs, athletic practices, after school tutoring, etc.) will be suspended until further notice.
- All teacher conferences and school business meetings will be suspended until further notice. The purpose is to keep our teachers in front of our students for as much time as possible and to mitigate the spread of the disease.
- Parent Teacher Conferences are suspended until further notice.
- Before and after school Eagle Club will continue to operate.
- Visitors to our school facilities need to be kept to a minimum. When entering a school related facility, please report directly to the office and please be patient.

At this time, there have been no recommendations to close schools, however our district must prepare for all possible scenarios and we are asking you to develop a plan for your family in the event schools were to close for an extended period of time. The Governor has declared a state of emergency and we are taking COVID-19 very seriously. We hope that with your help, we can mitigate the spread of the virus in our community.

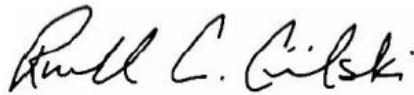
Governor Whitmer said, "Community mitigation strategies are designed to be implemented at the individual, organizational, and community levels. They apply to businesses, workplaces, schools, community organizations, health care institutions, and individuals of all ages, backgrounds, and health profiles; everyone has an important role to play." We will continue to take any and all measures to keep our children, staff, and school community safe.

Please continue to follow basic hygiene practices to combat the spread of contagious diseases. For additional information associated with COVID-19 (Coronavirus) you can visit the following websites:

- Michigan Department of Health and Human Services
https://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs/0,5885,7-339-71550_5104_97675---,00.html
- Genesee County Health Department <https://gchd.us/coronavirus/>
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/about/symptoms.html>

The situation involving this health challenge is rapidly changing and we will update you as additional guidance is received. Thank you for your attention and support regarding this important topic as safety is our number one priority.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Russell C. Ciesielski". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'R' and 'C'.

Russell Ciesielski
Superintendent