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Dear Armada Area School Families,

Although it seems longer, we are only in week 2 of school closures due to COVID-19. Governor Whitmer issued a three-week "stay home, stay safe, save lives" order yesterday. For Armada Area Schools, this means we will be closed one more day through April 13. Classes are now scheduled to resume Tuesday, April 14, 2020. However, we are operating on a day-to-day basis and our return date could change. Governor Whitmer and her staff are working very hard and will be releasing more information "soon".

Therefore, we will continue the next three weeks as planned. Our teachers will continue to reach out to our students and continue with assignments and activities the next two weeks. The week of April 6 and the following Monday (April 13) will be considered our Spring Break week, and students will not be receiving activities to complete.

The annual M-STEP state assessment will likely be waived for this school year. The State of Michigan applied for a waiver to be released from those assessment tests this year and it was granted by the federal government. Also, the College Board's AP Program has announced a new, at-home testing option for Advanced Placement (AP) students. Students will be allowed to take a 45-minute online exam at home for this school year only. We will be working with students that do not have online access at home.

I want to thank our custodial and maintenance staff for thoroughly cleaning and disinfecting our school buildings. Also, I want to thank our cafeteria staff and bus drivers for providing families in need with meals. In addition, I want to thank our teachers and administrators on making the best out of a difficult situation by providing students with enrichment learning options. Finally, I want to thank all parents for working with your children to complete these educational resources and activities. By working together, we will all get through this crisis.

If you have any questions, ideas, or concerns, my door is usually open. For the next several weeks, you can reach me at mmusary@armadaschools.org. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Michael G. Musary', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

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