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## Frequently Asked Questions re. COVID-19 School Closure

This is a working document. Please check back regularly for updates.

### Completing the 2019-2020 School Year

#### Q. What does the school closure mean for student learning?

A: Learning will continue in an enrichment format. Beginning Wednesday, April 22nd, we will be implementing our RESA approved “Continuity of Learning Plan”, as required by the Governor, in which we will detail the next phase of our educational plan. Starting Wednesday, April 22nd, teachers will continue to reach out to students, supporting their academic and social-emotional needs. Chromebook deployment and paper packet disbursement will take place on Friday, April 24th and Monday, April 27th for those families that received a phone call, with continued teacher follow-up and support from that point forward.

Moving forward, teachers will continue to provide opportunities for students to connect with their teachers and classmates and review content previously taught at their grade level or subject area. We ask parents to promote engagement and completion of these activities by their child(ren). You can view the family and student expectations by clicking [here](#).

#### Q. If I missed the deadline to request a Chromebook for my student(s), is there another opportunity?

A: After the first round of Chromebook deployment, the district will be putting out communication regarding another round, if resources are available.

#### Q: If I picked up a packet for my child, does it need to be returned to school once completed?

A: Packets do not need to be returned to your child’s school once completed. If you have any questions regarding the completion of the packet, please contact your child’s teacher(s) or counselor.

#### Q: If I am a parent/guardian of a K-8 student that received an i-Ready packet, where do I go for help?

A: There is a very comprehensive resource site available to our K-8 families. Please click [here](#) for more information.

**Q: What is the plan for the second semester progress reports?**

A: Elementary students will have progress reports mailed to students' homes via the U.S Postal Service. Middle School and High School teachers will use MiStar to create progress reports. A principal robocall will go out for parents to be apprised of the MiStar Progress Report availability or mailing out of Progress Reports. If a parent cannot access the Internet, they can leave a message on the school voicemail and request a mailed report.

**Q: What is the plan for end-of-the-year grades and report cards?**

A: Final grades are due on June 15th and final report cards will be mailed in the following weeks. Students will receive a final grade based on completed work and assignments by March 12th. Students cannot receive a grade less than the final grade on March 12th. However, they can work through the next 7 weeks to improve their grades. These improved grades could positively affect the final grade in June.

**Q: Will students who are on track to move up a grade level next school year be able to graduate or move up?**

- **Seniors:** Per the Governor's executive order, the district is creating a process to review and award credits needed for graduation, provide for completion of the Michigan Merit Curriculum, and issue diplomas to pupils in Grade 12. Seniors who were on pace to graduate as of March 12th, 2020 will graduate at the end of the semester. Those students who were failing a course as of March 12th, 2020 will have an opportunity, to the extent feasible, to demonstrate learning in the subject matter of the course and receive credit for the course, as determined by the district.

- **Other Grade Levels:** Kindergarten through Grade 11 students will advance to their next grade at the beginning of the next school year. Per the Governor's executive order, students who were on track to be awarded credit for the courses in which they were enrolled will receive that credit. A student can improve the grade received by March 12th. Arrangements and collaboration for these changes are subject to student/parent/teacher conversation. A student will not receive a lesser grade than the grade documented on March 12th.

**Q: Will students participate in state testing this spring?**

A: No, the governor's executive order waived the administration of the state assessments, including M-STEP, MI-Access, and PSAT for the 2019-20 school year.

**Q: My child is enrolled in AP courses in high school. What will happen with the previously scheduled AP exams?**

A: The College Board has sent districts an update and information regarding at-home testing. Please find all the details on our COVID-19 website at the following link: [AP Exam Information](#)

**Q: How will Kindergarten Roundup be handled?**

A: Although we can not determine a date right now, more information will be forthcoming from the school your child will be attending in the fall.

**Q: How will the transition from middle school to high school be handled?**

A: Although we cannot determine a date right now, we will ensure that Incoming ninth graders have an opportunity to visit Taylor High School prior to school starting this fall. More information from Taylor High School will be forthcoming.

**Q: What does this mean for high school senior prom, graduation and other special events?**

A: We understand the significance these special milestones hold to our senior students and their families. We very much want and plan to celebrate and honor our seniors, and will communicate the best ways in which to mark these important milestones in the lives of our students from the Class of 2020 keeping safety at the forefront.

## **Social Emotional Support**

**Q: Are there social emotional resources available during this time?**

A: Yes, these are unprecedented times and we all may be feeling a little uneasy, sad, upset and anxious. If you would like to speak to a Beaumont Health Professional, please call:

**Beaumont**

Beaumont COVID-19 Hotline Number at **1-800-592-4784**

Beaumont Teen Health Center - Taylor at **734-942-2273**

Beaumont Teen Health Center - Romulus at **734-942-4857**

## **Special Education**

**Q: Will IEPs that are due before the end of the year take place?**

A: Yes, your case provider and/or service provider will be in contact to schedule a phone or virtual IEP. We have held many IEPs thus far with participation from all required team members. If you decide you would rather not hold an IEP, the District will schedule an IEP within 30 school days of our return to school.

**Q: Will transition IEPs from one building/program still take place?**

A: Yes. Special Education Staff will be in contact regarding the need for a Transition IEP, if your child requires one, and is moving to a new building/program for the 2020-2021 school year.

**Q: Will my student receive programs and services as documented on his/her IEP?**

A: Your case provider and service provider will be in contact regarding IEP service times and delivery of service plans. Classroom assistance will be online in Google classrooms or available in an alternative mode. Service may also be provided in these classroom settings: in service provider Google classrooms, resources or activities, and/or individual contact with students. Consultative services are currently taking place between service providers, special education teachers and general education teachers.

**Q: Will my student receive accommodations (IEP and Section 504)?**

A: The most common IEP and 504 accommodations can be applied to our new learning plan (i.e. extended time, assignments read, etc.). Case providers and service providers will be in contact to discuss contingency plans for more specific accommodations (i.e. Braille, hearing aid equipment, etc).

## **English as a Second Language**

**Q: How will English as a Second Language students be supported?**

A: Second Language students will continue to be supported and have their needs met. If there are questions or concerns regarding English as a Second Language learning, parents should call the principal at their home-school for additional information or support.

## **Athletics**

**Q: What is the status of winter and spring sports for the secondary schools?**

A: Per the Michigan High School Athletic Association, all athletic activities have been cancelled for the remainder of the 2019-20 school year.

## **Personal Belongings**

**Q: Will students/parents be allowed to gather their belongings from schools and also return school items, such as library books?**

A: There will be a plan created and a schedule announced for students to access their personal items, as well as return school items. This cannot occur until the governor's Stay-At-Home order is lifted. Please watch for communication from your school on the specifics related to their plan for this process.

**Q: When and how will Chromebooks distributed by TSD be returned to the school?**

A: There will be a plan created and a schedule announced for students to return borrowed Chromebooks at the end of the school year.

## **Lunch/Breakfast Programs**

**Q: Will the meal program continue?**

A: Based on supply and demand, Taylor School District will continue to do our best to provide lunch and breakfasts to our families at Randall Elementary and West Middle School on Thursdays from 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. More information on the meal distribution can be found on our website and TSD Facebook page.

## Communication

**Q: If I have questions, who can I call?**

**A: Please reach out to your child's home school and leave a message on the voicemail.**

**As we continue to gather more information and have additional answers to these and other questions, we will update our TSD families and staff. Thank you for your continued patience and partnership as we navigate this journey together.**