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DISTRICT MISSION STATEMENT

The Evart Public Schools with the community will prepare all students to be successful in an ever-changing world

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March 13, 2020

Dear Evart Families and Concerned Citizens,

As you are most likely aware, last night, Governor Whitmer closed all Michigan schools from Monday, March 16<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, April 5th. School is to resume on Monday, April 6<sup>th</sup>.

In complying with this order, all Evart schools and school grounds will be closed and unavailable to be used for any reason for both Evart school employees as well as those outside of the school family. Hopefully many things will resume when school reopens on the 6<sup>th</sup>.

It is still recommended that events involving over 100 people be cancelled or postponed at this time. With this in mind, Evart Public Schools will not be allowing any events outside of the regular school day to be held in our schools having the potential of over 100 people in attendance. This policy will continue indefinitely until it is recommended by the Department of Health as well as the Michigan Department of Education to no longer be necessary. As you are likely aware, school events are not the only events being cancelled across the country. The list is endless. I would suggest any large event scheduled for April be postponed or cancelled.

I am sorry for the disruption and inconvenience that not having school will create for our families as well as the cancelling or postponing of already-scheduled events. However, we must do everything we can to keep our students safe and to slow the spread of the disease. Information from the health department on what steps everyone can take was sent home with all students earlier. We will continue to update you on the latest guidance as it becomes available.

Thank you for your understanding and support as we continue to learn more on how the Coronavirus Disease (COVID 19) is affecting our country and our local community.

Sincerely,

Shirley Howard, Superintendent