



Clio Area Schools

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

As we move into our third full week of school closure due to the Coronavirus, I want to provide an update of our school schedule and clarify some outstanding issues. Governor Whitmer's Executive Order number 35-2020 released on April 2, 2020, mandated that schools cease in-person instruction for students in K-12 for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year unless restrictions on public gatherings and use of school buildings are lifted before the end of the 2019-2020 school year. K-12 school sports activities and other in-person extracurricular school activities are suspended while any state of emergency or state of disaster prompted by COVID-19 is in effect. We are cooperating fully with the "Stay Home, Stay Safe" order and have closed outside facilities for the duration of the order as well, including the tennis courts, baseball and softball fields, and the track.

All school districts have been charged with writing an educational plan for our students for the remainder of the 19-20 school year. Our "Emergency Remote Learning" plan is currently under development and the first draft will be reviewed tomorrow (Monday, April 6, 2020). The plan is being developed in collaboration with other school districts by teachers, administrators, and support personnel. The plan must be approved by the Genesee Intermediate School District (GISD) and must be fully implemented by April 28, 2020. We anticipate providing our plan to the GISD this week and begin implementation on Monday, April 13, 2020.

Until our revised plan is adopted, teachers will continue to work from home and make contact with parents/students a minimum of three times per week. Our teachers will continue to utilize a variety of educational resources including, but not limited to, email, phone, educational platforms such as Google, and educational packets.

Food distribution will change from a five day per week pick up schedule to three days per week. However, we will begin providing seven days of meals beginning this week. The schedule this week is as follows:

Locations: Clio High School, Garner Elementary, New Covenant Church, and Community Church of God.

Days: Monday (2 meals), Wednesday (2 meals), Thursday (4 meals). A "meal" includes both a breakfast and a lunch.

Time: Meals may be picked up between 10:00 am and 1:00 pm

Eligibility: All children living in the home between the ages of 0 and 18. Special needs students up to 26-years-old are eligible.

Food delivery to homes will continue to be available to any student if requested by parents.

I encourage you to develop a daily, structured learning schedule with your student(s). All of us - especially children - need structure. We have eight more weeks of learning this school year, and we need to work together to ensure our students progress as much as possible under these difficult circumstances. Please feel free to contact your student's teacher for assistance in developing a schedule.

Finally, we know our students miss school, and I can assure you all Clio Area Schools staff members miss our students! To that end, we are not canceling many end of year activities, but are rescheduling them: we need to bring closure to the school year for our students. High School Principal Lisa Taylor has published rescheduled dates for the Prom, Commencement Practice, and Commencement. Middle school and elementary school administrators are making plans to reschedule promotion ceremonies and other activities. Parents will receive updated information as it is developed.

The Board of Education made the decision to keep the bond issue vote as scheduled on May 5, 2020, for a number of reasons. The positive reasons to keep that date, rather than moving it to August or November, far exceeded the negatives. Voting will be conducted by absentee ballot. If you need information about how to obtain a ballot, please visit www.cas-bond.com. Please feel free to contact me or visit our website for updated information about the bond.

As I wrote in my last update, none of us have ever seen a situation of this nature, and I certainly hope that we never will again. Now is the time to keep things as "normal" as we can for our children. Please follow the precautions published by the CDC and the Genesee County Health Department. Stay Home and Stay Safe!

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or if you would like additional information. I can be reached at fspears@clioschools.org or 810-591-7490.

Respectfully,

Fletcher Spears III, Superintendent
Clio Area Schools