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James A. Knoll, Superintendent

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

As promised, I am following up on my message related to the Coronavirus (COVID-19), and its impact on Edwardsburg Public Schools. As expected, the coronavirus is now in Michigan and continues to migrate closer to Edwardsburg. It has been identified in every bordering state and is only a matter of time before it reaches us.

The State of Michigan and the Michigan Department of Education will be providing additional information to us to prepare for any eventuality. We, as a district, need to prepare for a possible closure that could last a day to multiple weeks.

In the event of a closure, EPS will utilize a remote learning approach to deliver instruction to our students. We understand this may result in a hardship for some students who do not have technology or access to the internet. Please contact your child's building administrator if you do not have a Chromebook, internet ready device, or internet access at home. We continue to assess our readiness and develop contingencies for delivering relevant curriculum to your child during this time.

Edwardsburg Public Schools encourages all parents to develop plans now for your children. We understand this could prove difficult for many of our families, especially if we are required to close with little advance notice. We will evaluate the situation on a daily basis. With the help of the health department, state and local officials, and advice from our families, we will continue to protect and serve our students. As a community, we share responsibility to keep our school district safe and healthy.

In a further effort to keep you informed, we are developing links at <u>edwardsburgpublicschools.org</u> to agencies with up-to-date information and to provide the latest communications from our district. We ask for your patience and understanding as we navigate this unique time.

Sincerely,

James A. Knoll Superintendent