

March 11, 2020

Dear Armada Area School Families,

The purpose of this letter is to provide you with an update on the Coronavirus (COVID-19) situation. Last night, the Governor announced the first two cases of COVID-19 in Michigan. One of the cases is a middle-aged woman in Oakland County; the other is a middle-aged man in Wayne County. While we anticipated the virus would appear in Michigan before long, we know that news is concerning to all of us. Please know that the Governor's declaring a state of emergency is to harness resources across state government; it does not mean that K-12 schools are closed. We realize several universities are moving all of their classes online.

As of today and this evening, Armada Area Schools (AAS) will be operating business as usual (including District basketball games). However, we are on high alert about COVID-19 and this could change on a day-to-day basis. AAS is following every best practice laid out by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and World Health Organization and look forward to recommendations from the Governor's office. We have been informed Governor Whitmer will be having a press conference later this afternoon or early evening.

Our focus is prevention, education and providing you with the resources you need to be smart and safe, but not to panic. We know from the data that children appear to be in the lowest risk group for COVID-19 and virtually every child who contracted the virus worldwide had a very mild case and recovered quickly. Regardless, we are taking COVID-19 very seriously and are confident that the measures we have in place now will help stop the spread of this virus here in Armada.

If you have any questions, ideas, or concerns, my door is always open.

Sincerely,



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Superintendent of Schools

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