



# LINDEN COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

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Dear LCS Families,

As we continue down this uncertain road, I want to assure everyone in the Linden Community School District that our focus is and always will be on our students. The past few weeks have been an experience that I am sure none of us will forget. On Thursday, April 2, 2020, Governor Whitmer issued Executive Order 2020-35, which suspended all in-person instruction for the remainder of the 2019-20 school year. This Executive Order also outlined how individual school districts were to create a Continuity of Learning Plan, indicating how students would be educated for the remainder of the school year.

This week we will be submitting Linden's Continuity of Learning Plan for approval. Our plan includes a consistent structured approach to student engagement across the district. Learning methods, as outlined in our plan, will range from virtual to packets of material, a hybrid approach to learning methods we were once used to. Our plan is in line with the directives of the Governor's Executive Order and will allow students to relearn concepts prior to March 11, and be introduced to concepts and standards as though we were still inside the classroom. Linden's Continuity of Learning Plan is not intended to take the place of face-to-face learning, but our plan does allow our students and teachers to remain engaged in the learning process. Once approval is granted for our Continuity of Learning Plan, I will send out a detailed summary of our plan to our students and families.

Since March 16, 2020, our teachers have been giving students the opportunity to stay educated through virtual learning opportunities. If your student has not been taking advantage of these virtual learning opportunities, I would encourage you to start communicating with your student and your student's teacher. Our long term focus continues to be on the advancement of all students, this includes preparing the student for the 2020-21 school year.

We are aware that there many unanswered questions that you may have. Questions about: Graduation, prom, field trips, fundraising, Pay to Participate fees, collection of belongings that are still in the buildings, and/or etc. Please continue to be patient and be assured that we are working on plans and communications that will address these questions. We are still under a Stay Home, Stay Safe order, and we need to continue to do our part to mitigate the spread of the COVID-19 virus.

Again, I cannot state how important it is that we continue to support each other in the development of our students. We will continue to grow stronger as a community, and we will persevere through this.

Sincerely,

Russ Ciesielski