



BAD AXE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Bad Axe Public School Community:

With the announcement made earlier today by Governor Gretchen Whitmer, Bad Axe Public Schools will be closed for face-to-face instruction for the remainder of the school year. Along with our administrative team, I am working to develop our plan that meets the requirements of the Governor's Executive Order that was shared with us today.

One of those requirements is for local districts to develop and seek approval on an official learning plan to assist students now that we know students will not be physically attending school through the end of this school year. Our teaching staff has done a terrific job of providing learning opportunities for students since the school shutdown began nearly three weeks ago and you can expect that will continue moving forward in order to meet the requirements of the latest Executive Order. Once completed, we will be sharing those details with all of our students and parents.

We are also finalizing plans to conduct our Kindergarten Roundup in a more "virtual" manner than normal. Although it is not ideal for our youngest learners who we welcome into the Hatchet Family, we will make the best plan possible under the circumstances and you can look for that information to come very soon.

Specifically to our Class of 2020, please know that you all have my sympathy for what has transpired these past few weeks. The events and decisions that have led up to this point were necessary, but it still does not take away the heartbreak in thinking about the many experiences and memories that were yet to come before the year came to an abrupt halt. As I had mentioned in an earlier communication, we remain committed to holding a graduation ceremony for our senior class with the goal still remaining to host it on May 31. There are obviously many factors that will determine if that date will remain. We will continue to work through these details and I would like to again emphasize that the district is committed to ensuring this important event takes place.

Please continue to follow your email, Skyward Family Access, our Facebook page, and website www.badaxeps.org for future updates on this ongoing issue. In the meantime, my continued best wishes for the health and safety for all of you and your precious family.

Partners in Education,

Gregory M. Newland

Gregory M. Newland, Superintendent
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