



Martin Public Schools

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Dear Martin Public School Families,

On April 2nd, Governor Whitmer issued Executive Order 2020-35, effectively closing all Michigan school districts for the remainder of the 2019-20 school year, due to concerns over the continuing COVID-19 crisis. While there are still many uncertainties moving forward, here is what we know about the effects of the Executive Order on the Allegan County communities.

- All school buildings are closed to the public. Only the Essential Staff will report in order to ensure continued operations of the district.
- There will be no “make-up days”.
- **Learning will continue.** Local districts, as well as AAESA programs, are drawing up plans which may include on-line learning, paper packets, or some combination thereof. These plans should be in place by mid-April. You should receive communication from at least one of your child’s teachers at some point.
- High school seniors will graduate, **if** they were on pace to graduate. If a senior was not on track to graduate when school was called off in March, they will need to contact Mr. Coon, brad.coon@martinpublicschools.org to see what needs to be accomplished in order to graduate.
- K-11 students will move up next year, **if** they were on pace to be promoted at the time school was called off in March.
- The “Read by 3rd Grade” requirement for retention is suspended.
- State mandated student testing (M-STEP, SAT, Work-Keys, WIDA) is waived for this school year.

Allegan County superintendents, curriculum directors and directors of specialized instruction are working together closely to plan meaningful instruction and determine what appropriate educational supports will look like for the remainder of the school year. While face to face instruction has ceased, we will continue to educate and support our students and families throughout this crisis to the best of our ability.

In order to help us design these new education plans, please take a few minutes to fill out the recent family resources survey. There is a link on Facebook, on the Martin website and you should have received it by email, for MPS to learn of your well-being and your access to internet/technology. Your responses are critical in helping us develop our ongoing support of your child’s learning. Your child’s teacher may also have called you to ask about internet access and device availability. They may be calling from an unknown number. If they leave a message, please listen to it and return their call. You can also email them or the school principal. As these new education plans are developed, I will be sharing them with you.

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I know this is a difficult situation for everyone, but by following the Governor's Stay Home, Stay Safe order and the directives of the CDC and county health department, we can help save lives. Please make sure you and your children are safe, maintain the 6' distance with non-household members, and do not go out unless you need supplies. We are here to help support you through this difficult time!

Educationally Yours,

Brooke Ballee-Stone, Superintendent
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