



MONTCALM AREA INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Parents and Families:

As you likely have heard, Governor Gretchen Whitmer and Michigan Department of Education Superintendent Dr. Michael Rice ordered the closure of all Michigan K-12 schools beginning Monday, March 16, through Sunday, April 5, 2020. As a result, Montcalm Area Intermediate School District programs and services will be closed beginning Monday, March 16.

This is an unprecedented emergency school closure and a public health situation that is rapidly evolving. We will continue to update you as we get more information. In the meantime, we want to provide you with some broader guidance for you to keep in mind.

We intend to resume school after the regularly scheduled spring break/program break. For some programs, this is Monday April 6, and for other programs it is Monday April 13. Please check your child's program calendar to determine which applies to you.

At this point, students are not required to remotely complete curriculum (lessons, assessments etc.). Teachers or other service providers may reach out to you to provide ways that you can continue to support your child's education while the closure is in place.

We will continue to share communication with you on supports that may be offered during the emergency school closing. Please continue to follow the guidelines provided by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services and the CDC on proper hygiene, handwashing techniques, and staying home if you are sick.

In an effort to support our families, we are working to provide food service programs for students. To that end, Greenville Public Schools will be offering boxed lunches starting on Tuesday, March 17, from 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM. Lunches will be available using a drive up service for all students 18 and under. These lunches will be available for pick up on weekdays during the entire 3 week period of closures, including spring break, at Cedar Crest Elementary and Lincoln Heights Elementary. Please use the parent loops at each building when arriving at the school. If you wish to take advantage of this opportunity, we are asking families to sign up using this link: <https://forms.gle/iQThyDUXVVbhc8vf6>

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As other food service programs become available in other districts, we will share that information with you.

You may find information and resources about COVID-19 at the links below.

<https://www.michigan.gov/coronavirus>

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/index.html>

Additional community resources:

Child Care <https://www.greatstarttoquality.org/>

Montcalm County [Food Pantry brochure](#) (updated January 2020)

Families can contact 211 via phone or on line at <https://www.mi211.org/>

We are still working through many details regarding this closure. We will continue to provide information to you, if necessary, and when it becomes available. We realize this has been a hectic time and we appreciate your resilience through all of the changes that have occurred.

Sincerely,

Daniel Brant

MAISD Associate Superintendent
Special Education Services