



March 12, 2020

Dear MISD Families:

We are aware that each of you are concerned about the impact of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) as our families, health organizations, employer and governments react and plan for meeting this challenge. The health and safety of all students, families, and staff remains a top priority in all of our MISD schools.

The MISD leadership team continues to work with the Macomb County Health Department, the County Executive, Governor Gretchen Whitmer and the Michigan Department of Education staff to follow Center for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines in decisions for our schools. At this time, according to the Macomb County Health Department, there are no confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the county. Some actions we are taking include:

- Established a Macomb County School Guidance Task Force that includes, all 21 Macomb County Superintendents, and leadership from the Macomb County Health Department.
- Maintain close contact with the Macomb County Emergency Operations Center and the County Executive's Office for any future planning, guidance, or support.

Based on these current recommendations, we will be limiting out-of-building movement for our students for the near future. That includes:

- Community Based Instruction
- Field Trips
- Special Olympics practices
- Large group school events

Meetings such as Parent Teacher Conferences and IEP's will be reviewed, and participation by phone may be recommended. We have close communication with parents and caregivers, and we rely upon those relationships to accommodate your student's unique needs. Therefore, if your family or a family member will be traveling internationally or to an area where there is a health crisis, please notify your student's teacher or building administrator.

We appreciate your flexibility and understanding. These changes assist in promoting the safety and health of all students' families, staff and members of our community. These temporary decisions will be reviewed as we move forward in our consultation with the health department. All of our efforts are being used to mitigate the impact of COVID-19. We want you to know that the leadership at the MISD is working together to provide support as we monitor the effect of this virus on every member of our community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Mike DeVault'.

Michael R. DeVault
Superintendent

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