



Brimley Area Schools

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RE: COVID-19 and School Closures

Dear Brimley Area Schools Families:

I would like to take this time to update you on plans for continuing the education of your children during this mandatory closure of all Michigan schools as it pertains to the outbreak of COVID-19. This closure is unprecedented, and it may feel like we are building the plane while flying it, because it feels like that to us. We have held several administrative team meetings since Wednesday and have worked to find ways to help provide for the education and meal service for all our students.

First, our faculty have prepared several packets for each subject area and will be giving them to students to take home. Students will also take home any textbook, if available, or if necessary, to help with the work provided. Students will be given an opportunity to communicate with their teachers via cell phone and face time, if available, email, or even Google Hangouts and Google Classroom, in order to answer any questions they may have on the work provided. If students do not have a home computer to use for this communication one will be provided to them. The computers will be delivered to students who have requested them next week.

We know there are some children who do not have Internet access at home. Charter Communications has just announced that they will provide Internet access during this closure to families who are not connected. AT&T has also contacted our office and extended some other connection abilities if needed. In the meantime, we are hoping that communication can be done via cell phone to help with any questions or concerns children may have with work.

Some students did not attend school today and do not have access to the work being provided. Packets have been made and will be available for pickup at the elementary and middle/high school offices on Monday, March 16, and Tuesday, March 17, from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. After this date, all remaining packets will be sent home. You may also use this time to pick up items needed from your child's locker.

The third quarter will be extended one week in order to help finalize grades and work that was provided during the closure. We will then add one week to the end of the school year to make up

for the time lost during the closure. If the state changes the number of instructional days because of the school closure, we will make the adjustment to the calendar accordingly.

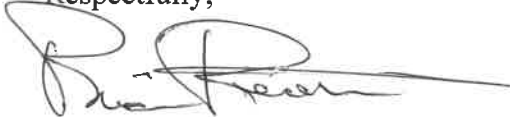
Second, we will be providing meal service to our students during the time we are on mandatory closure. We will provide two meals each day to our students. We will deliver meals to families with our transportation department. If you would like to have meal service for your children, please contact the school at the numbers or emails provided here: (248-3219 ext. 105 or 654, email address: dtremblay@eupschools.org, or bbeaune@eupschools.org) We need to know how many children 18 and under are living in your household who will need meals. All meals provided will be free. We will only deliver to homes that have contacted our school and requested meal services. If you live outside the district, we will work out a time that you can meet the bus to pick up your meals.

Finally, all afterschool activities will be suspended until further notice. This includes any clubs, athletic teams, practices, etc. We do not want to have children congregating while schools are on closure to help prevent potential spread of any illness, especially the COVID-19.

We will continue to take our direction from the Chippewa County Health Department, The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, and the Michigan Department of Education.

Once again, thank you for your patience and willingness to help during this closure. We look forward to seeing you in three weeks. Enjoy your time off, get some rest and stay healthy.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brian Reattoir", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Brian Reattoir, Ed.S.
Superintendent of Schools