April 7, 2020

Dear Spartan Families:

The purpose of this letter is to communicate to you about the district’s Continuity of Learning Plan. This plan represents our best efforts to provide adequate alternative modes of learning, given the limitations resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic. We hope you find it beneficial to your child. While we cannot require students to participate in the plan, nor can we issue a traditional letter grade for work completed, we are encouraging all of our students to engage in the plan. The plan will be in place through the last scheduled day of school on June 4, 2020.

All teachers, K-12, will post links to a week’s worth of new work and exploratory activities each Tuesday morning. You can find them on the front page of the school website by clicking on “Spartan Learning Links.” We will also post the link weekly on our district social media, school websites, and school social media sites. The district will continue to post activity packets, as well, and will make hard copies available during food pickups at the high school each Tuesday from 4:00-6:00pm. Beginning the week of April 20, hard copies of grade level packets for high school students will also be available. If you are able to download and print them at home, that will be helpful. Additionally, resources for social and emotional learning and student mental health are available through our website via our “Spartan Learning Links.”

Teachers have and will continue to make work as accessible to students as possible. The alternative modes of contact being used by various teachers may include use of online learning, telephone communications, email, virtual links, videos, slideshows, projects, use of instructional packets, and more.

As per our current plan, teachers are holding virtual office hours every Monday and Wednesday from 1:00pm-3:00pm. During these sessions, they will be available in real-time to respond to email, answer questions about work that is provided, and connect with students and parents.

As a reminder, our food service will continue on Tuesdays and Fridays. Meals can be picked up curbside at Imlay City High School from 4:00pm-6:00pm. We will provide this meal service through the mandated school shutdown.

Of note: No students will be retained in their current grade level simply as a result of the mandatory school closure. Unless notified otherwise by your child’s school principal, all students will progress to the next grade for school year 2020-2021. Students will not be issued letter grades for 3rd marking period/second semester. Secondary (6-12) students will be issued a pass/fail designation per course. All high school students considered “on track” to earn credit (pass) in a course as of March 11, will be issued a passing grade. High school students who are not passing a credit-bearing course will be contacted and provided an opportunity to complete work for credit.

An updated Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) document detailing more information, including the handling of graduating seniors, retrieval of personal belongings from buildings, athletics, assessment, and more will be posted to our website and shared via district and school social media.

As always, know our best thoughts are with you and your family.

Dr. Stu Cameron