April 2, 2020

Good afternoon.

As you’ve likely already heard, Governor Gretchen Whitmer signed an Executive Order today cancelling the rest of the school year. This means that all school activities and events will be also be cancelled, and facilities will be closed. We want to emphasize the importance of social distancing measures and other state guidelines during this time. As such, our athletic facilities – soccer fields, outdoor basketball courts, tennis courts, etc. – are closed to public groups or gatherings.

While students will not be able to attend school physically, we are committed to providing educational opportunities through a variety of learning methods. In anticipation of a full school closure, district administrators have been working with our dedicated teachers to develop the best possible plans for the continuation of learning, given our current circumstances. Last Friday, in our update to parents, we communicated a learning plan that would begin on April 6th.

**Beginning on April 6, teachers will be 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.

**Also beginning April 6, all teachers, K-12, will post links to new work and activities each Tuesday.** 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. As applicable, answer keys will be posted on Fridays. The district will continue to post K-8 activity packets, as well, and will make hard copies available during food pickup beginning on April 7th. If you are able to download and print them at home, that will be helpful.

Additional learning plans will be communicated to you via our website, district and school social media, and by phone.

Modified meal service will continue, as scheduled.

These are unprecedented times for you and for our schools. We know there are many questions yet to be addressed, including when students can retrieve belongs from school buildings, how Kindergarten registration will occur, and what graduation will mean for our current seniors?

Be assured, we are working toward solutions to all of your questions, and will communicate answers as quickly as possible. For now, however; I must reinforce the seriousness of this pandemic and the importance of heeding the Governor's stay at home order.

Be safe, be healthy. We miss you, Spartans.

Best regards,

Dr. Stu Cameron