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Dear AAESA Families:

The COVID-19 situation is rapidly evolving. The information presented in this communication is accurate at the time of its publication. Be aware that the health departments and government directives may substantially change what we know now. Please watch for updates.

Based on the directive from Governor Whitmer on March 12, 2020, all schools in Allegan County will be closed starting Monday, March 16. Spring Break for schools in the county is scheduled for the week of April 6; therefore, classes will resume on Monday, April 13. During this time, all extracurricular activities and sporting events are also cancelled. Preschools and day care services operated by the local school districts are also closed.

For students who receive meals at their school building, discussions are underway on the best way to get those meals to students during the shutdown. Please watch for details from your local district.

At this point we have received no information on how the closure will affect state testing or if the days missed will need to be made up. When we have that information we will pass it along.

We realize that these measures put a burden on our families, however the safety of our students is of paramount importance. We are following the guidance provided by the governor's office and the state health departments. Also, we are in daily communication with the Allegan County Health Department.

In order to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 the health department recommends the following actions.

- Stay away from indoor or outdoor gatherings of more than 100 people.
- Maintain 6 feet of space between individuals.
- Do not go to work if you are feeling sick.
- Wash your hands frequently, for at least 20 seconds using soap.
- Use disinfectant to clean your work surfaces.

We appreciate your cooperation and patience throughout this process.

Sincerely,

William D. Brown
Superintendent