

Dear West Bloomfield families,

As I am sure you are all aware, last night Governor Whitmer ordered the closure of all K-12 school buildings starting **Monday, March 16 until Sunday, April 5**. School buildings are scheduled to reopen on **Monday, April 6**. The Governor's actions are an effort to slow the spread of COVID-19 in Michigan.

Effective immediately, all of the West Bloomfield schools will be closed to comply with the Governor's orders.

Instead, we will be transitioning our teaching and learning online through Cloud Learning. It is our goal each day to do what is best for kids and we believe keeping the pathways to education open for our students fall directly in line with that objective.

While the Governor's actions seem sudden, they aren't totally unexpected. In West Bloomfield, we are taking Friday, March 13 as a day to plan for our next steps during a Cloud Learning Contingency Planning Day in the event of a prolonged closure. Now that we will be closing, we truly appreciate the support of our families and staff as we used the day to prepare for our new reality. Look for a communication from the district later today (March 13) with more information on our Cloud Learning plans.

Simultaneously, our operations, transportation, food service, and technology teams have been working diligently on how we will continue to serve our community. Plans are being implemented to provide access to technology and internet access for families so students are still able to complete assignments and engage in instruction. A district survey was sent out yesterday to gauge the technology needs of our families. Please [fill out this survey](#) by 3 p.m. today. We are also taking great care to ensure those students who rely on our food service department for nourishment, still, receive the same high quality and nutritious food offerings from our district.

We will continue to seek information and guidance from our local, state, and national officials as we move forward. Rest assured we will be keeping the lines of communication updated with information and resources for our families during this closure and beyond. Please continue to check our district website and your emails regularly for updates going forward.

In the meantime, we ask all families to exercise universal precautions whenever possible. If you or your family members have symptoms similar to the flu, please contact your physician. If you have additional questions or concerns, please continue to use the [Talk to Us](#) feature on our website.

Information around this outbreak is changing rapidly. The latest information is available at Michigan.gov/Coronavirus and CDC.gov/Coronavirus.

We will navigate these uncharted waters the same way we approach all challenges in West Bloomfield, together. We are Team WB.

Be Well,

Dr. Gerald Hill
WBSD Superintendent