



Educational Services Building
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To our Novi Community School District families and Community,

Here is a Monday, March 16, 2020, update from the Novi Community School District:

Closure

There is no change, at this time, in the closure dates.

Start of closure: Monday, March 16, 2020

Resume school: Monday, April 13, 2020

School Buildings

All school buildings will be closed to staff, students, and the community starting Tuesday, March 17, except for the technology distribution on Wednesday, March 18. Please see Technology for Online Experiences below for more information.

Food Distribution

On Tuesdays – March 17, March 24, and March 31 – our district will provide grab and go breakfast and lunch food for students age 18 and under and for students with IEPs up to age 26. Seven days of food will be provided each week. Food will be provided for each student in the family.

Families can pick up the food in the Novi High School Taft Road parking lot. It is a drive through process in the bus loop area. Food service staff will ask how many students need food and will deliver the food to the cars.

Families can pick up food between the hours of 9:00 AM and 1:00 PM.

There will be two mobile drop off areas in the community. One drop-off is in the Novi Ridge Apartments and the second is Pavilion Court. Food will be delivered to the clubhouses via a Novi Community School District bus in both locations between 10:00 – 11:00 AM.

Children do not have to be present.

Should the closure be extended, we will communicate additional information about food pickup.

Technology for Online Experiences

The Novi Community School District has a limited number of devices for families. Our goal is to ensure that families who do not have access to a device at home receives one. If your family does not own a device and requires a Chromebook in order for them to continue with their online learning opportunities, please fill out the survey below. There will be one device allowed per family and it must be picked-up by a parent/guardian in order to be released.

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Once we have identified all families that require a device, families will be contacted regarding distribution. This [survey](#) is being sent home today, Monday, March 16, to identify the families in need of a device. Please complete the [survey](#) and no later than noon tomorrow, Tuesday, March 17.

Academic Plan

K-12 Online Learning Opportunities and Activities

On Wednesday, March 18, 2020, the first week of optional online learning opportunities and activities will be made available to students.

During the school closure, the Novi Community School District believes in providing opportunities for all our learners. Our goal is to provide at-home learning opportunities that reinforce previous instruction on topics that have already been covered in school prior to the state mandated closure. **No new instruction or assessments will be given during this time period.** Teachers will provide new learning and curricula when we return to school without any new assessments when school resumes. Currently, our district does not plan to provide any instruction during Spring Break.

In the following weeks, optional learning tasks will be shared out by teachers on Wednesdays to students and families.

You can expect teachers to check-in with their classes through the learning platforms once a week. Teachers will not provide supplemental materials beyond the Wednesday update. Please do not hesitate to reach out to teachers or building administrators if your child is having difficulty accessing the optional online learning activities. These are supplemental activities designed to be completed if desired, and they will not be graded or assessed.

Kindergarten - 6th Grade:

Students in K-6 will have access to optional learning on [Seesaw](#) (a few 5th-6th grade classes will use Google Classroom in place of Seesaw).

- [Atlas Rubicon](#)
- [Seesaw Resources](#)
- [Clever](#) (K-6: i-Ready, Seesaw, Foss Science, Novi Public Library, Everyday Math)
- [i-Ready Family Center](#)

7th Grade - 12th Grade:

Students in grades 7-12 will have access to many optional learning opportunities on Schoology.

- [Atlas Rubicon](#)
- [Schoology Resources](#)
- [Middle School Media Center Resources](#)
- [High School Media Center Resources](#)

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AP Learning/Testing

The College Board has communicated a message of flexibility to all schools and test-takers. There will be flexible AP testing options announced in the near future. We will continue to monitor the College Board's announcements in response to COVID-19.

International Baccalaureate Learning/Testing

The International Baccalaureate has extended internal assessment deadlines and modified rules around oral assessments and presentations to allow for greater flexibility. They are unable to move the May testing dates due to the global scale of their exams.

At this time, Novi students are near completion on most of their internal assessments and their teachers will work to submit those scores in a timely manner. Our world language teachers are working on scenarios to fulfill the oral assessment requirement and will be in touch with their students to set up arrangements once our situation stabilizes. Since our testing numbers for IB are small (below 15 students per exam) we believe we will be able to safely test our students in May, but we will continue to monitor the situation along with IB to ensure the safety of students and staff before confirming the examination schedule.

English Learners Learning Opportunities and Activities

The English Language Development team will provide optional additional learning opportunities that are designed to support students' English learning during their time away from school. The optional learning activities will be shared on Wednesdays, as well.

All of these activities are optional. Students do not have to complete them. These activities are not graded. Students are free to choose what activities they wish to complete and do them when they choose to do so.

Any updates from the English Language Development Department (ELD/ESL) will be provided by S'more from Adva Ringle, Supervisor of the English Language Program.

Special Education Learning Opportunities and Activities

Students with IEPs will be provided access to learning opportunities and resources from members of their child's school special education team. Information will be shared via email with families.

State/National Assessments

Currently, we are awaiting guidance from the [State of Michigan](#) on its plans. Shipments of M-STEP, MI-ACCESS, ACT and SAT materials for the April assessments have been stopped. WIDA testing has been completed for most of our students. We will update you with the latest information on each assessment once it is shared with us.

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Additional Resources

- How to talk to your child about COVID-19
 - [Talking to Children about COVID-19](#) (NASP)
 - [Talking to Teens and Tweens about Coronavirus](#) (NYTimes)
 - [Talking to Kids about Coronavirus](#) (ChildMind)
 - [Resources about Coronavirus](#) (PBS & BrainPOP)
 - [Novi Public Library: Home](#)
 - [Novi Public Library: Youth Online Resources](#)
 - [Novi Public Library: Teen Online Resources](#)

Questions

If you have questions, feel free to email me at Steven.matthews@novik12.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steve M. Matthews".

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