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To Novi Community School District Parents and Community Members:

I waited to send this morning's update until after Governor Whitmer's press conference this morning.

Governor Whitmer issued a "stay-at-home" order this morning. I have attached the Executive Order so that you can see it. You will be able to see what the order is and what are considered essential services.

### **Food Service**

One essential service will be our food service program. Food for Novi Community School District students will still be available for 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM each Tuesday.

### **Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate**

Our high school students have questions about their Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate program and testing. Principal Nicole Carter and AP/IB Coordinator Alaina Brown are putting together information and will be sending it to our high school students.

### **Learning**

I am grateful for our teachers who have provided essential learning opportunities to our students this past week. On Friday, the Michigan Department of Education indicated that districts could not count this time as instructional time.

I understand that the experiences that we are providing students are in no way equivalent to our in-class experiences. What the MDE announcement communicated was that these experiences are not important.

I strongly disagree. The experiences that our district is providing are important to our students and families. They provide our students with the opportunity to deepen their learning and continue to engage meaningful in content.

Every Wednesday our teachers will provide another update and more learning opportunities. Continue to refer to SeeSaw and Schoology for updates. (Some families have teachers who are using Google classroom so that will be updated as well.)

### **Return to school**

The Governor today extended the closure for all school until April 13. She also indicated that she will have future announcements about schools soon.

At this time I would plan on returning to school on April 13. If that changes I will communicate the new dates to you.

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### **Academic Opportunity Survey**

We sent a link to an Academic Opportunity [Survey](#) on Friday. We resend it today to try and get as much feedback as we can. If you have not completed the [Survey](#), I would encourage you to take a minute to complete it and provide us with some much needed insight.

### **Mental Health in Uncertain Times**

Our Novi High School Student Mental Health Committee has started a 15 day wellness challenge. They made their announcement through Twitter. They can be found [@noviSMHC](#).

### **Stay positive**

Remember that we are also focusing on being together even though we are apart. Use the hashtag #NoviTogether on Twitter or Facebook.

These are stressful times. We will find our way.

Stay safe. Love your family. And look for updates from me on a regular basis.

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