



Community Schools

March 25th, 2020

GLCS Families,

As a district, we understand that during this time there are several questions about the future of your child's education this school year. Governor Whitmer communicated a "stay home, stay safe" executive order which indicates that schools will be closed through Monday, April 13 with a return of Tuesday, April 14, 2020. In the event that no further extensions occur, we plan to return to the third trimester as planned and will be able to teach necessary standards in this shortened time period.

We are aware that there are current speculations about an additional extension for the closure of schools and that some states have made the determination to close school for the remainder of this year. We are currently exploring several educational options given the potential scenarios. Most decisions regarding how we will move forward with educational delivery for your child are being made at the state level.

We understand that there are many questions regarding graduation, high school credit classes at the middle school, new virtual course enrollment, and course progression in general. School districts across Michigan are developing answers to these questions. Our decisions continue to be based on updated guidance from Kalamazoo RESA (Regional Educational Service Agency), Michigan Department of Education (MDE), and the Governor's office regarding recommended next steps. We continue to pursue answers to these questions on behalf of our students, families, and staff.

Gull Lake Community Schools is dedicated to keeping what is best for students at the forefront of our decision making. We are inspired by all of our staff's efforts and thank you for engaging your students with at-home learning. We appreciate your ongoing patience as we navigate through ever-changing times.

Raph Rittenhouse, GL Superintendent
GL Administrative Team