



March 23, 2020

Dear West Bloomfield Families:

As I am sure you are now aware, Governor Whitmer issued an Executive Order today with the instruction for residents to [Stay Home - Stay Safe - Save Lives](#). This order will go into effect on March 24, 2020 at 12:01 am, and continues through April 13, 2020 at 11:59 pm.

The order also instructs **K-12 schools to remain closed through April 13.**

### **What does this mean for our district?**

When it comes to our *Cloud Learning Initiative*, we will continue to do what is best for students and move forward as planned. Teachers have already prepared lessons through this Friday, March 27. Following spring break, March 30-April 5, we plan to resume our Cloud Learning through the continued development of new and innovative lessons prepared by our district curriculum teams, classroom teachers and administrators.

At this point, we still plan to return to school on **Tuesday, April 14**; if this changes, we will certainly let you know. For more information on our Cloud Learning Initiative, visit [wbsd.org/cloudlearning](http://wbsd.org/cloudlearning).

When it comes to our *Meal Service program*, the Governor's Office released the following statement:

*"Gov. Whitmer is committed to ensuring that Michigan students have access to the food they need during the COVID-19 pandemic. Under the governor's executive order, K-12 school food services are considered critical infrastructure and should continue. The governor deeply appreciates the vital work that our frontline school employees are doing every day to ensure that our kids have the food they need while the order is in effect."*

We agree wholeheartedly with the governor on the importance of providing nutritious food options for children during these uncertain times. We will continue to move forward with our Meal Service program from **March 23 - April 13**, this includes serving meals over our district spring break (March 30 - April 3) as well.

For more information on our Meal Service program and to place preorders for the week, visit [wbsd.org/mealservice](http://wbsd.org/mealservice).



## Cloud Learning Update

To comply with the regulations established by the Zoom Corporation, we are asking parents to give consent for their child to use Zoom as part of our Cloud Learning Initiative. Our educators have been given clear guidelines about how Zoom conferencing must be used, including always having multiple students in a conference call, using the record feature as needed and to encourage parent supervision. We have found this tool to be very useful and user-friendly for our students and families

Please [complete the form linked here](#) if you DO NOT want your child to use Zoom during our Cloud Learning Initiative. This form is OPT OUT only! Please direct any questions you may have regarding Zoom or our Cloud Learning Initiative to Deanna Barash, Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning, [deanna.barash@wbsd.org](mailto:deanna.barash@wbsd.org).

## Thank You!

We will continue to work to fulfill our duty to serve each and every student in our district to the best of our ability in these uncertain times. We, like you, are doing the very best we can each and every single day to do what is best for kids.

Thanks for ALL you have done and continue to do to support your learners at home. Please do not hesitate to email me with questions or concerns. Please stay safe.

Sincerely,

**Dr. Gerald Hill**  
Superintendent  
West Bloomfield School District