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To Novi Community School District Parents and Community Members:

We continue to navigate through this interesting time.

If you have students in one of our schools, I hope things are going well. With this new reality, it has been somewhat challenging to get into a routine.

But routines help. It is probably unrealistic to expect that your children and our students will do school work for 6 - 7 hours a day, but you can establish a routine where they have periods of the day focused on school related activities.

Our teachers are providing resources. Use those as a guide.

Online learning is different from learning in our classrooms in many ways. The social element is missing; the give and take between friends is missing; recess, lunch time chatter, and extra-curricular activities are missing.

But what can be found is time during the day for uninterrupted focus on school related activities.

Don't punish yourself if things don't go according to the script. Right now, we don't know what the script is and the script may change every day.

That is alright.

We will get through this.

### **Graduation, Prom**

It is anticipated that at some point, restrictions on gatherings will be lifted. Will they be lifted in time for prom and then graduation?

It is unknown.

What we promise is that, we will figure it out as we continue to move forward.

### **When will school start?**

As I mentioned yesterday, that is unclear. The legislature appears to not be in a hurry to make a decision. The Governor has indicated that she is going to make an announcement, but none of us know when that might be.

Right now, we know the earliest that we will come back is Tuesday, April 14.

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The only thing firm about that is, that it is the only date that has been identified. It seems kind of "squishy" if you want my opinion.

But until another date is identified, that is the date we have.

When I hear differently I will let you know.

**Rumors**

We will hear, from time to time, that someone became ill. Those are not rumors. I know that we have some of our families and some staff who have become ill with the Coronavirus.

From the district perspective, we will ensure that we have all the proper protocols in place so that no one will return to work or to school if they are sick. Ensuring the safety of our staff and students is critical.

If you or a family member does become sick, please take the appropriate precautions. Stay away from others. Disinfect thoroughly. Stay home until you are completely well.

We will navigate through this, but it will be a process. A process that we will communicate as clearly about as we can.

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