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To Novi Community School District Parents and Community Members:

This is the start of week three of our school closure. Please know that we truly appreciate all of the support that you are providing your children.

Here are a few updates for this Monday:

Return to School

No update has been given on the return to school. Currently, the date that we have been given is Tuesday, April 14. However, last night (Sunday) President Trump extended social distancing guidance until the end of April, so I anticipate that our return to school will be delayed for several weeks.

Governor Whitmer, on Monday morning, stated that she would have an announcement later this week on schools.

Graduation

Our Novi High School graduation is scheduled for Saturday, May 30. At this time, we have no update on whether we will be able to honor our seniors on that day. As we learn more about state and school closures, we will be able to figure out if we will be able to hold graduation. I will keep you updated.

High School Athletics

Currently, spring high school athletics are on hold. No practices or games can be scheduled and depending on what the Governor decides about school will determine what is decided about spring sports.

The Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA) has not cancelled the spring season, preferring instead to take a wait and see approach.

Use of High School Track/Fields

We have not closed our high school track or fields because we want people to be able to exercise. However, if we find that groups of people are congregating and are violating the social distancing guidelines we may have to close them.

But at this point people can exercise - as long as they abide by appropriate social distancing guidelines.

Food Service

Food will be distributed Tuesday, March 31, between the hours of 9:00 AM and 1:00 PM. We would ask that as you come to collect food, please:

- roll down your window,
- identify how many students you need food for,

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- and then remotely (if you can) open your trunk.
- Our staff will place the food in your car.

We are trying to minimize human contact to prevent the spread of the coronavirus. Thank you for helping us with this.

Food will also be distributed to Novi Ridge and Pavilion Court apartments. Food will be given to families at the clubhouse.

Learning

New learning opportunities will be shared this Wednesday, April 1. Our teachers are working hard to provide content for your children.

We recognize that this is difficult and at times frustrating.

If school is cancelled for an extended period, we are planning for what that instruction will look like. That new approach would be in effect after spring break.

More to come as we learn more about the possibility of an extended closure.

Thanks

Working together we are managing through a very difficult situation. I truly appreciate all our collective efforts.

Remember our social media campaign - #NoviTogether. A new list of topics to keep us together has been posted on Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram.

Until tomorrow.

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