



WEST BLOOMFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT
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Dear West Bloomfield Families,

Thank you for your support as we have transitioned to Cloud Learning these last few weeks. After receiving feedback from parents and teachers, along with the Executive Order from the Governor, we have made some changes around the instructional plan. We want to provide the plan details to you so you are prepared to start the week. Please remember: we need to be flexible and forgiving of ourselves and others during this time. Everyone is doing the best they can.

We recognize “less is more” at this point. We want new instruction to continue across the district; we also know it must be manageable for students, parents and staff. As parents, you are juggling working from home, Cloud Learning and managing your family. We are not asking you to be the teacher but to support your child’s learning. Cloud Learning is providing students with the opportunity to learn and interact with their teachers and peers. We know we cannot teach all the standards and skills we would if we had “bricks and mortar” school. Our teachers have done an excellent job identifying the essential learning and skills for each content area, designed meaningful lessons to teach the skills and are working to create assessments that authentically measure student learning. Please do not worry, planning has already begun to address how we will make sure students have what they need in the fall. We will share the plan as the details are determined.

Monday, April 6th is our first day back from Spring Break. Teachers have attendance and assignments ready to go. Our staff will be with their colleagues Monday, completing planning for the next three weeks and will not be readily available to answer questions. Tuesday, April 7th will be our first day of new instruction.

One final change: the Governor’s Executive Order allows for professional development days around remote learning. **Starting Friday, April 17th, there will be NO INSTRUCTION OR ATTENDANCE on Fridays.** We will have enrichment and review activities parents and students can access on Fridays. This is a great chance for students to catch up on anything they may have missed and get ready for the next week of instruction.

Finally, please do not hesitate to ask if you have questions or concerns. We truly are TeamWB and are in this together. Our students and staff are working hard and doing their very best. What is important is that students have the chance to learn and get to interact with their teachers and peers each day. TeamWB continues to inspire others across the region with our innovative lessons, focus on student well-being and collaboration.

Have a great week!

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