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To Novi Community School District Parents and Community Members:

We are in the middle of our spring break week. I hope that, even in the midst of our Stay Home and Stay Safe order, you and your family have found time to be together and enjoy one another.

This week is spring break in Novi. Some of you have asked why we are taking spring break when none of us can go anywhere. Wouldn't it be better just to keep going?

There are two reasons:

- First, the break was contractually scheduled. I know that in the midst of a global pandemic that seems a bit odd, but we are still bound by contractual terms when we can follow them.
- Second, and most importantly, this week provided us with a chance to collect ourselves and make our plans for the rest of the school year. Governor Whitmer's Executive Order 2020-35, issued April 2nd, required a Continuity of Learning plan to be submitted to the state. This week has afforded us with an opportunity to begin developing that plan.

We are putting together a more robust learning plan that will be rolled out April 20 for families in Novi.

On April 13, new learning opportunities that follow the pattern that has been established since the week of March 16 will be posted.

Starting April 20, the new learning plan that follows our Continuity of Learning plan, submitted to the state, will be rolled out.

### **Graduation**

We are seeking a way to honor the graduating class of 2020. Our original date falls within the school closure period of the Governor and as a result it cannot take place then.

But we recognize that commencement is an important milestone and we are searching for a way to hold a ceremony. It may be later in the summer. Right now, we do not know the answer, but we are trying to find the answer as quickly as possible.

### **Senior All Night Party**

If we can hold graduation this summer, we might then be able to have the Senior All Night Party as well.

This depends on when and if restrictions are lifted, as to when graduation might be. We will keep the Senior Class and parents informed as we move along.

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### **Personal Belongings at School**

We are waiting on locker cleanout and retrieving personal items left at school until after May 1. When we have our plan developed, we will communicate it clearly.

### **Testing**

State testing for this year has been cancelled.

International Baccalaureate (IB) testing has been cancelled as well.

Advanced Placement (AP) testing will be done differently. More information can be found here - <https://apcentral.collegeboard.org/courses/exam-dates-and-fees>

### **Frequently Asked Questions**

Our list of Frequently Asked Questions will be available next week.

Thank you for all that you are doing to support your children and our students during this interesting time.

Daily updates will start again next week.

Stay Healthy and Safe,  
Steve  
Steve M. Matthews, Ed.D.  
Superintendent  
Novi Community School District

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