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To Novi Community School District Parents and Community Members:

Yesterday, we submitted our Continuity of Learning plan to Oakland Schools for approval. Once approved, it will signal the start of the next step in our learning plan. This will begin on Monday, April 20.

This is phase 2 for us. We started this learning process back on March 13, when we were aware that school would be closed starting March 16. We had our first online lessons posted on March 18.

At that time, we did not know how long our online learning experience would last.

On April 2, the Governor announced that schools would be closed for the rest of the year. Our teachers have collaborated to create a structure that will provide new and engaging opportunities for our students.

This new phase will begin with lessons on April 20.

Some have asked why we did not start sooner with this new phase. Because we had a structure in place that was working, we wanted to take the time needed to think through how to improve on the lessons that we had been provided. Our teachers have been busy collaborating and creating, so that this next phase will continue the high quality experience for our students.

We are working to provide for all of our students. Special education, general education, preschool, adult transition; all of our students are important and we are working to provide each with meaningful learning opportunities.

Yesterday, a Frequently Asked Questions page was posted on the district website. This is an attempt to address key questions that have been asked. You will note that some questions do not have answers yet. Some have asked why we do not have answers already. We do not because some of these questions have never been asked before. We are trying to ensure that we get the answers right.

There is some frustration right now and I can assure you that we will work through all the questions, problems, and concerns as we continue to move forward together.

Outside my window, there is snow on the ground. It reminds me that the unexpected can happen. My responsibility is to ensure that we have a path to address the unexpected and provide as much certainty as we can as we move forward together.

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We will find our way. Thank you for working with us to make sure that we guide our students well.

Steve

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