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To Novi Community School District Parents and Community Members:

Over the next several weeks, you are going to see a lot written and said about when and how we should come back to school.

Here is one example from the Detroit News:

<https://www.detroitnews.com/story/opinion/editorials/2020/04/30/editorial-shoot-july-school-start/3049091001/>

Here is another example from NPR:

<https://www.npr.org/2020/04/24/842528906/what-it-might-look-like-to-safely-reopen-schools>

Here is my advice - stay calm.

There is no answer and no plan - *yet*.

We know that at some point we will return to our school buildings and that life will return to some sort of normal. When and how that happens we do not know.

Before it happens, we will get some direction from the Governor.

Before it happens, we will have a plan.

We are engaging in conversations right now about how to make our return to school as safe as possible. We are examining a wide variety of possibilities. Our goal is to have students in classrooms, riding our buses, and participating in extracurricular activities.

But we have to find a way to make sure that we do it safely.

What we promise is that,

- we will develop a good plan,
- we will communicate it clearly,
- we will communicate it as early as possible.

So for right now, continue supporting your children and please continue to stay safe.

We will work together to answer the questions that are before us about when and how we will return to school.

Gratefully and Appreciatively,

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