



Dear MGLVA Families,

April 2, 2020

Today, Governor Whitmer signed an executive order suspending “face-to-face” learning at K-12 schools in Michigan for the remainder of the school year. She was very clear that face-to-face instruction could not continue; however, all schools are required to develop a Continuity of Learning Plan and submit for approval to ensure that students are still provided learning opportunities through the remainder of the school year.

MGLVA already has a plan in place. We work from this plan every day. We are incredibly fortunate that we have the tools, engaging online curriculum, highly qualified teachers, and dedicated learning coaches that allow us to continue to provide our students with the same high level of learning and engagement for which we always strive.

The governor further states that the education of K-12 students must continue as fully and effectively as possible. I couldn’t agree more! MGLVA must continue to provide, and our students must continue to receive, the highest level of educational opportunities possible during this time. Although we still have questions and are working to understand all aspects of this order, here is what we can be sure of:

- **MGLVA will remain open through June 11<sup>th</sup>** as previously planned. It is our goal to keep things as routine as we are able.
- **All Face to Face State Testing is officially cancelled.**
  - We will continue to administer internal online assessments (STAR, Teacher College, etc.) to determine learning needs, assign grades, and measure student growth and achievement.
  - Juniors: Current 11<sup>th</sup> graders pursuing college admissions will have the opportunity to take the SAT in the Fall to allow for test scores to be sent with college applications. We will keep you posted as details become available.
- **The 2020 Face-to-Face Graduation Ceremony in May is cancelled.** We believe graduation is significant milestone for our seniors (my daughter is a senior, so I know!) and we will be working on alternatives to honor those who have worked so hard to achieve this memorable accomplishment. Stay tuned for more information in the coming weeks ahead.
- Upon our return from spring break, the MGLVA staff will be evaluating lesson plans and curriculum goals for the remainder of the school year to ensure that we are **prioritizing the most important skills and standards for our students** in order to earn credits, if necessary, to successfully promote them to the next grade level.
- **Students are expected to continue to log in daily and complete assigned work and attend live class connect sessions** if one is scheduled.
  - If you must miss a day or an extended time, it is important to let us know. Report the absence to your teacher.
  - If class connect sessions are missed, please view the recording
- If you have any concerns about requirements, time, resources, etc., please reach out to your teacher, advisor, or principal. **We are committed to providing as much flexibility as possible to address the individual learning needs of our students and families.**

Rest assured, we will continue to consider the needs of our families during this pandemic health crisis as we work to create flexibility while providing valuable educational opportunities for your children. I can’t stress this enough. Your family’s health and safety are our top concern. While many districts are working to provide online learning, this is what we do best. I am grateful for the support I have seen from our school community at this time.



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Remember, MGLVA is committed to:

1. Placing the needs of the students first in all decisions
2. Continuing to provide the best online educational experience our students deserve
3. Daily offering a learning environment that promotes growth for every student
4. Focusing on strengthening a long-lasting and trusting relationship with our staff and families

We look forward to your return from spring vacation. And as always, if you have any questions, please reach out to your teacher, your principal, or to me directly. Stay safe!

Thank you,

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