

**Michigan Virtual Charter Academy**

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Dear MVCA Families,

This morning Governor Whitmer gave a press conference regarding school closures. In her press conference she shared Executive Order 2020 – 35 in which she suspended all face-to-face instruction for the remainder of this school year. The order also directs all school districts to continue to, or begin to, implement an online and/or distance learning plan for their students. In compliance with the executive order, Michigan Virtual Charter Academy will continue to serve our students through our online platform. We welcome you back from spring break on Monday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, to the same modified schedule we were running prior to break.

As our staff returns from spring break on Monday, we will continue working through the details and implications of the governor's executive order to answer many questions we all have about the impact of these changes. We will communicate with you regularly during this pandemic regarding this evolving situation.

Rest assured that we will consider the needs of our families during this pandemic health crisis as we provide valuable educational opportunities for your children. We are grateful for your partnership, and we look forward to serving you.

Below are some immediate points we would like to communicate:

**Continuity of Learning Plan:** All districts in Michigan are required to provide a Continuity of Learning Plan detailing how they will serve their students online and/or through distance learning. As leaders in online education, MVCA will continue serving students online as we have for many years.

**Modified Schedule:** MVCA is currently slotted to offer the modified schedule for one more week. After working through the executive order, we will communicate any further changes to our families as we proceed forward.

**Testing:** All spring state face-to-face assessments are canceled. We will continue to provide internal assessments as is appropriate.

**Graduation:** We have received notification that our graduation venue, the Suburban Collection Showplace, will not be able to host our June 12th graduation ceremony, therefore, our current plans for our graduation ceremony are canceled. We believe graduation is a significant milestone for our seniors and we will be working on potential alternatives to honor those who have worked so hard to achieve this milestone.

As we work through the executive order we will be working on an answer to the following questions:

- How does the executive order impact the Third Grade Reading Law?
- How does the executive order impact graduation requirements?
- How does the executive order impact student promotion?
- How does the executive order impact AP tests and SAT/PSAT next fall?

We realize that many other questions will arise over the next few weeks. We are here to help you and your family in any way that we can. Please feel free to reach out to your teacher or your principal to share your questions. We are very grateful for your partnership as we all work through this crisis.

Sincerely,

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