

## Michigan Virtual Charter Academy

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Dear MVCA Families,

As we enter into day four of a twenty day stay at home order in Michigan, we want to send a note of encouragement to our families. You see, it is in the face of adversity, that courage has space to thrive. As parents and educators, we have one job. That job is to deliver hope to the next generation. Hope that they have a future that will be prosperous and fulfilling.

During this time of crisis, our children are looking to us for assurance that everything will be ok. Together, we can deliver hope as we provide reassurance, calm fears, create stability, give encouragement, and share love. We can teach them how to rise up and stand together. You have done an outstanding job of creating this environment for your children, particularly in the past two weeks. We applaud you.

Our staff at MVCA is committed to helping all families navigate the duration of this pandemic by working diligently to provide academic and emotional guidance. Please know that we care deeply about our MVCA family and we are here to help. We can do this!

As you head into spring break, we wanted to give you a brief update about a few items.

1. **Spring Break:** Spring break begins tomorrow. While many spring break plans have been disrupted, we hope you are able to enjoy your family by being creative and engaging with one another. School resumes on April 6, 2020.
2. **Post Spring Break:** This past Monday, Governor Whitmer gave a “Stay Home, Stay Safe” executive order which also extended the current brick and mortar school closures for an extra week. Due to the extension of the brick and mortar school closures, MVCA will maintain our modified schedule for one more week upon your return. This will allow us to gain more information and insight regarding decisions from the state on critical issues in education. It is our intent to continue to work toward a normal school schedule while balancing the impact of the COVID 19 virus on our families and staff. Upon your return, we will communicate any future changes.
3. **Testing:** MVCA anticipates that our students will not be taking state assessments this school year based on the current timing of events. However, all schools are still waiting

upon legislative action, or executive orders, to confirm the terms of the state waiver from the Department of Education. Therefore, all testing activity and communication has been put on pause until further notice.

4. State Decisions for Education: The governor has indicated that critical decisions regarding the implications of school closures will be delivered next week. We will be working over the break to interpret the impact of these decisions and how we can respond for our students. Being online, we have unique opportunities to serve our students well. As stated before, it is our intent to move toward a normal schedule and to complete our school year as planned while balancing this with the needs of our families.

Our immediate hope for you is that you seize the opportunity to grow as a family during this spring break through creative activities and intentional relationship building. We look forward to being together soon.

Together we can deliver hope!

Sincerely,

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