



BLISSFIELD COMMUNITY SCHOOLS



Lenawee County Superintendent's Message Regarding Coronavirus (COVID-19) March 12, 2020

This morning, Lenawee County's 12 public school superintendents met with the Lenawee County Health Officer to review information related to the coronavirus (COVID-19) and to discuss preparedness and mitigation strategies. At the current time, there have been two confirmed, positive cases of COVID-19 in Michigan, neither of which is in Lenawee County. Yesterday, the World Health Organization (WHO) categorized COVID-19 as a global pandemic. As additional testing occurs, it is anticipated that the number of confirmed, positive cases will increase. This is both an unprecedented and constantly changing situation.

The United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has continued to state that the risk of COVID-19 to most individuals is low. In most cases, the symptoms of the virus are mild. However, the virus has proven to be dangerous for the elderly and those individuals with underlying health conditions.

Out of an abundance of caution and at the recommendation of the Lenawee County Health Department, Lenawee County's 12 public school districts have collectively decided to immediately implement the following actions with the purpose of slowing the spread of COVID-19.

1. Suspend all non-essential school-sponsored travel, including student field trips.
2. Cancel and/or postpone all extracurricular school-sponsored and school-hosted events and activities that involve 100 or more persons.
3. Implement feasible social distancing measures.
4. Follow all Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA) guidance regarding athletic competitions, events, and activities. Information is available from the MHSAA at www.MHSAA.com.
5. All meetings, which are not required to be held face-to-face, will occur via video/telephone conferencing.
6. Increased efforts to clean and disinfect our school facilities following the guidance of the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).
7. Continue to encourage personal protective measures among students and staff such as handwashing, not touching one's face, and staying home when sick.

These actions will be implemented immediately and are – at the current time – effective through the end of spring break which is April 12, 2020.

It is critically important that students, staff, and community members who are feeling the effects of illness such as fever, cough, shortness of breath, increased tiredness/weakness, etc. stay home from school and consult your healthcare provider. This will assist in preventing the spread of illness, including COVID-19.

The Lenawee County Superintendents' Association and Lenawee County Health Department are, and will continue to be, in constant communication regarding the status of COVID-19 in Lenawee County. In the event that circumstances necessitate further action on the part of our schools, either individually or collectively, that information will be communicated with you. With that in mind, we encourage you to develop a plan for your family in the event that schools may have to close.

Because this is a continually changing situation, additional updates regarding cancellations and/or other changes are likely. Those will be communicated as quickly as possible. We request your cooperation and understanding should cancellations and/or changes occur.

Additional information regarding COVID-19 is available via the following links:

www.lenawee.mi.us/917/2019-Novel-Coronavirus

www.coronavirus.gov

www.michigan.gov/coronavirus

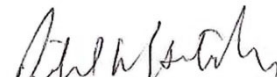
With student, staff, and community safety and wellness in mind, we thank you for your cooperation as we work through this unprecedented situation.



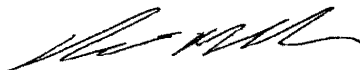
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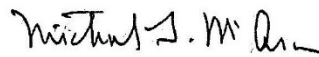
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