

April 2, 2020

Dear Wayne-Westland Families,

Many of you watched or listened to Governor Whitmer's press conference this morning. The preliminary information that is being shared is:

- All public and private K-12 schools will remain closed for the rest of the 2019-20 school year.
- High school seniors, who were in good standing and on track to graduate, will still graduate this school year. A staff member from your high school will contact you once transcripts have been reviewed. This will take some time so please be patient.
- All students will move on to the next grade level for the 2020-21 school year.
- End of the year activities will be canceled. **High school commencement ceremonies have not yet been canceled.** At this time, we are holding the date of May 30 unless Eastern Michigan University or Governor Whitmer directs us otherwise.
- School-day SAT for juniors will not be held in April.

We know that some students still have items such as instruments, medication, and personal items at the schools. We are working on plans for families to retrieve these items that does not endanger the health and safety of staff and families.

We are continuing to gauge the needs of the District in relation to access to technology and developing some backup options for families that are not able to obtain internet access and are working to search out alternative learning opportunities. We know that these alternative methods of learning will never replace the regular learning environment, direct instruction, support and guidance from a teacher.

Please know that Wayne-Westland staff has been working extremely hard behind the scenes for weeks for a variety of outcomes. We will continue to share updates with you as we have more information. Please check your email and the District [website](#) for up-to-date information. If you have questions, you can email Jenny Johnson at johnsonje@wwcsd.net.

Our thoughts continue to go out to the amazing doctors, nurses, health care workers, and other first responders on the front line working in the most difficult of conditions and appreciate the great responsibility our governor and other leaders have demonstrated at this time.

We are a community and we will work through this together. Thank you again for your patience and support. Remember, our priority is the safety of our students and staff. That is what drives the decisions we make for our District. Stay Home, Stay Safe and remember we are WWC STRONG.

Thank you,



Jill Simmons
Interim Superintendent