



April 21, 2021

Dear School Community,

At 10:00 AM today, Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer recommended that Michigan schools move high school students to remote learning and suspend High School athletics.

We understand the hardship that school closure places on our families, as well as the social, emotional, and educational impact it has on our students. Our area school districts have been working together with the Health Department throughout this pandemic and will continue to do so, in order to best serve the health and education of our children.

Our local health department does not recommend a widespread pause to in-person education, rather they recommend that individual school systems make decisions regarding whether providing in-person vs. remote education is best and safest for their students. Due to preventative measures already in place, it is the decision of the school districts within Wexford-Missaukee ISD to remain open to students for in-person instruction with the option to move students to remote learning if circumstances change. These decisions are always made in consultation with our local Health Department.

Pine River Preventative Measures:

- We wear masks and are socially distance as much as possible
- All frequently touched areas are sanitized constantly during the day.
- All athletes are tested weekly to be able to participate in athletic activities

In closing, we are committed to the health of our students and our community. As always, if you have a need or special circumstances, please call your building's office. We are always here to help.

Respectfully and Sincerely,

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