

Friday, 9 April 2021

Dear Laker Parents:

This morning, Governor Whitmer and Dr. Khaldun, Chief Medical Executive for the MDHHS, announced the following:

- The Governor asked that school districts “voluntarily” go to remote learning for grades 9-12 for the next two weeks. She included youth sports for the same two week pause.
- Dr. Khaldun “recommended” that remote learning occur for high school students for those same two weeks.
- I share those first two bullets with you to emphasize that local health departments and school districts have final say over the choice to bring students back next week or not; and even though the verbiage was different, the intent was the same: the state is not ordering or directing the decision of local health departments and school districts.
- Dr. Ashley Karczewski, our Lead Nurse, and Michelle Klein, at the Benzie Leelanau Health Department have both stated that they support Glen Lake high school students being back to school next week and to have our sports programs continue. This can occur as we stay healthy and safe.
- County Superintendents have all indicated to me that they are taking the same plan of action we are.

We have a great trust and belief in you doing your best with your family to keep them safe and keep our school district open. I cannot thank you enough for the efforts you have made and continue to make to do the right thing for everyone’s child.

Over the past 13 months we have heeded the direction of our local health department officials. We will continue to do so. Until the health department directs and orders otherwise, we are staying open to in person learning.

Please remember, that if you are more comfortable having your child stay home, they can plug into our Virtual Instruction Program. We need you to contact the school, of course, if you choose to do so.

“We are...Glen Lake!”

Jon D. Hoover  
Superintendent