



April 19, 2021

Dear GPS Parents & Guardians,

COVID-19 continues to bring many challenges to us as a school district. We continue to believe we are providing a safe and secure learning environment; however, the amount of community spread that is filtering into the schools is starting to impact our ability to provide the quality education our students deserve. We continue to see an increase in the number of students who need to quarantine along with cases of students testing positive as a result of contacts outside of school. Unfortunately, these cases are impacting our attendance rates and our staffing rates to a point where we have to step back and reconsider our educational plan.

As a result of this increase, along with wanting to ensure the safest place for our students and staff to engage in learning, we will be taking a pause of our in-person learning and switch to distance learning for Greenville Middle, Greenville High and Satterlee School. **Distance learning will take place from Wednesday, April 21, 2021 through Friday, April 30, 2021.** We look forward to having all secondary students back in the buildings for in-person instruction on Monday May 3, 2021 as our intent is to finish out the school year in person.

We have consulted with the Mid-Michigan Health Department and other medical experts and agree this is in the best interest of not only our schools, but our community. Distance learning will look just like the instruction that was provided prior to the holidays and for the first week after the holidays. Staff will be setting up all learning through Google Classroom.

During this time period, we will also be taking a pause from all GPS athletics and recreational programs held on our grounds or facilities.

We are all working together as a community. We ask for your commitment in following the masking requirements and maintaining social distance as recommended. Please stay home if you are not feeling well and follow quarantine protocols when required. Your continued efforts will help contain the spread of disease and allow us to resume school in person for all grades.

The Mid-Michigan District Health Department is encouraging individuals 16 and older to get vaccinated. Please visit their website (<https://www.mmdhd.org/>) to view important information on how to get the vaccine and how it helps the spread of COVID in our community.

Thank you for your continued support; knowing we can work together to get through these difficult times has truly made a difference for all of us. We can get through this together and look forward to finishing the school year strong.

Sincerely,

Linda Van Houten
Superintendent