



EASTERN UPPER PENINSULA INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICT

MANDATORY SCHOOL CLOSURE - CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

March 13, 2020

Dear Students, Parents, Staff and Community Members:

Last night, Governor Whitmer announced the mandatory closing of all Michigan K-12 public and private schools, effective Monday, March 16th through Sunday, April 5th to slow the spread of Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) in Michigan. Area local districts and the EUPISD have been in close contact with Chippewa, Luce and Mackinac Health Departments, and the Governor's Office.

This is an unprecedented decision in the State of Michigan. "This is a necessary step to protect our kids, our families and our overall public health," said Gov. Whitmer. "I am working with partners across state government to ensure educators, parents and students have the support they need during this time, and to ensure our children who rely on school for meals have access to food."

We understand that this will be a hardship for all involved: students, parents, staff and community. We will continue to work together to find solutions for several issues, such as ongoing learning, meals and support for students, and internet connectivity. We will communicate those plans as we know them. All districts have agreed that the buildings will be closed to all activities, including sporting practices, during this mandatory closing.

The best prevention for viruses, such as influenza, the common cold or COVID-19 is to:

- Wash your hands often with soap and warm water for 20 seconds. If not available, use hand sanitizer.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth with unwashed hands.
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or upper sleeve when coughing or sneezing.
- Avoid contact with people who are sick.
- **If you are sick, stay home, and avoid contact with others.**

The latest information is available at Michigan.gov/Coronavirus and CDC.gov/Coronavirus. More information will be coming from the individual districts. Let's work together to keep our families safe and healthy.

Sincerely,

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Mr. Mark Pavloski, Rudyard Area Schools

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