September 24, 2019

Re: Potential State Government Shutdown (Budget)

Dear Michigan School for the Deaf Staff and Parents,

I want to update you on a possible government shutdown due to the new state budget that is not in place yet. If our legislative leaders do not enact a budget by midnight on Monday, September 30, 2019, a state government shutdown will occur. **The Michigan School for the Deaf (MSD) will not be affected by a state government shutdown should one occur.**

During a state government shutdown, employees are placed in two categories: essential employees and non-essential employees. Essential employees are expected to continue their work while non-essential employees are placed in layoff status.

All civil service employees and contracted employees of the MSD are considered essential employees. **This means that all MSD facilities and programs will remain open and operational if there should be a state government shutdown.** There will be no interruption to our daily operations. We will also notify all local school districts of this. If you have any questions, please contact me at thomasc29@michigan.gov.

Sincerely,

Charles Thomas
Campus Manager
Michigan School for the Deaf