



SUPERIOR CENTRAL SCHOOLS



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Dear Superior Central Staff,

On March 23, 2020, Governor Gretchen Whitmer signed Executive Order 2020-21, which directs (subject to limited exceptions) all residents in Michigan to remain in their place of residence to prevent the spread of COVID-19. The Executive Order continues through April 13, 2020 and extends the school closure mandated by Executive Orders 2020-5 and 2020-11 for an additional week. Executive Order 2020-21 states that the directive “must be construed broadly to prohibit in-person work that is not necessary to sustain or protect life.” The Executive Order also contains important exceptions that apply to school operations during the closure.

Under the Order, Schools must designate those workers who are necessary to conduct “minimum basic operations” and make that designation in writing to the worker. The designation may be made by electronic message, public website, or other appropriate means. Designations may be made orally until March 31, 2020 at 11:59 p.m. Our school attorney recommends that all written designations be made as soon as possible.

Under Executive Order Paragraphs 4(b) and 7(a)(3), a worker may report to work if the worker’s in-person presence is necessary to conduct “minimum basic operations,” such as ensuring security, processing transactions (including payroll and employee benefits), or facilitating other workers’ ability to work remotely. Executive Order 2020-21 Paragraph 8 includes as “critical infrastructure workers” those workers described by the U.S. Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency’s March 19, 2020 guidance on COVID-19. That guidance states that critical infrastructure workers include “[e]ducators supporting public and private K-12 schools, colleges, and universities for purposes of facilitating distance learning or performing other essential functions, if operating under rules for social distancing.” This exception appears to allow teachers and other school employees to report to school to provide distance learning and to perform other essential functions.

Under this order from the Governor, the following staff will be permitted in our building:

Teri Lintula – Business Manager
Tony Decet – Auxiliary Services Director
Michael P. Thompson – Technology Director
Ross Hill – Custodian
Jeff Allen – Custodian
Amy Allen – Custodian

If you have any questions please let me know.

Sincerely,

William T. Valima
Superintendent/K-12 Principal
Superior Central Schools