



# SUPERIOR CENTRAL SCHOOLS



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Dear Superior Central Students,

Wow! What a crazy couple of weeks! I know that many of you are anxious and have A LOT of questions about what is going on. I have the same questions and have been asking for answers. I've been involved in teleconferences with Government Whitmer, State Superintendent Dr. Michael Rice, members of the Michigan Department of Education, and tomorrow am meeting (virtually) with Senator McBroom and Senator Schwartz. Guys and girls let me tell you, there are not many answers currently coming out of Lansing.

Most of the "rules" on education are laws. Meaning it would take another law to overrule the current law. For example, the law says that we must go to school for 180 days and 1,098 hours to complete a school year. During those 180 days, we must have at least 75% of our enrolled students in school for the day to "count". One of the reasons why the state has not switched us to online learning is that they are not sure how to count everybody. There is also concern with everyone having access to appropriate technology and internet. Seniors, the law right now says you need to meet all requirements of the Michigan Merit Curriculum to graduate. It will take the legislators voting to repeal that requirement. I'm 99.9% sure that when they come back to work on April 7<sup>th</sup> there will be all kinds of legislation passed to ensure that you all graduate. Juniors, you were all scheduled to take the SAT on April 14<sup>th</sup>. That is not going to happen. I asked Superintendent Rice today if the state was planning a make-up date for all of you later this summer. His answer was that "testing will depend on public health". So, I'm not sure when you guys will take the SAT. Another question that has been asked is if we are going to have to make-up time? Again, no answer at this point. It will take legislation to change the 180 day, 1,098 hour requirement I spoke of earlier. The legislature was not in session this week and are not scheduled to go back into session until April 7<sup>th</sup>, so we'll have to wait until then to see if they "forgive" these days that we are out. What happens if they don't? Nobody really knows; school in July and August? Finally, the biggest question out there. Are we done with school for the year? In her press conference today, the Governor said, "she hopes to have something to communicate in the next week or so". So again, we'll wait.

I hope that you are all staying as busy as you can be while staying at home. If you have any questions, feel free to send me an email.

Sincerely,

Mr. Valima



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