



Thursday, April 2

ECS Families;

Good morning. As many of you have now read and watched Governor Whitmer has suspended face-to-face K-12 instruction for the remainder of the 2019/20 school year. This is an announcement that the ECS team has been anticipating for the past two weeks. As a result we already have many preliminary plans in place that we will be communicating out to families early next week.

However, at this time what I want to assure to all of our families and students is that the teachers and staff of ECS are committed to making the best of a terrible situation. We will be working closely with everyone to put out the best educational product that we can under this difficult circumstances.

There are still several unknowns as we dig deeper into the Governor's Executive Order, however as I indicated above we have spent the last two weeks planning and preparing for this situation. We will be taking next week (April 6-10) to finalize our plans, submit them to the ISD/MDE for approval, and communicate them to families. Then starting Monday, April 13 we will resume "school" and "teaching" again.

Finally, in terms of the Class of 2020, we will be looking closely at the Executive Order and working with our teaching staff and the ECS Board of Education to determine next steps for our graduating seniors. Again, this is something that we will communicate to all students and families early next week.

Thank you for your continued patience as we navigate these uncharted waters. Please be on the lookout for more information/communication including a personal phone call from a member of the ECS team. Please do not hesitate to reach out individually with any specific questions or concerns. I will do my best to answer openly and honestly.

Sincerely,

Aaron Gaffney, Superintendent

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