



April 8, 2020

Dear MJHS Parents,

Since the closure of Michigan schools on March 13th, MJHS teachers have been reaching out to students via email and Echo to provide enrichment learning opportunities. These enrichment opportunities were in no way intended to replace school, but instead were offered to help students stay connected to school and to academics.

Just under a week ago on April 2nd, Governor Whitmer signed an executive order effectively closing school for the remainder of the 2019/2020 school year and charging schools to develop a learning continuity plan. Essentially, on April 2nd, MJHS had to change its educational focus from providing enrichment opportunities during a temporary closure to actually teaching school from a distance for the remainder of the 2019/2020 school year. Mr. Carmoney also communicated about the executive order in his video that he released to the public last week. His video can still be seen at this [link](#).

For the past week, the MJHS staff has been working hard developing a plan on how to best educate our students from a distance. In no way can MJHS provide the quality of service it does in face-to-face learning with this new plan, but I know the MJHS staff will do its best to provide a quality education. The MJHS relaunch of the 2019/2020 school year will take place on **Monday, April 13th** via our new learning continuity plan. I'm sure that the plan won't run perfectly the first week, so please be patient as we work out all of the kinks.

Over the next few days, I will be communicating the MJHS plan and answering many of your questions in a variety of methods. For starters, please look for an FAQ to be emailed and posted on the MJHS website on Thursday, April 9th.

The country is in a very difficult time, and the stress level is high for many families. I am hopeful that at least a virtual relaunch of school will help some families return to some normalcy, but I am also aware that there is nothing normal about the situation that we are in. I am proud of the MJHS staff for how they've stepped up to launch our new plan, and I know that they are excited to connect with students once again.

Sincerely,

Kent Boxey  
MJHS Principal