



March 12, 2020

Dear Husky Families,

As you know, Governor Whitmer has implemented a State of Emergency in Michigan due to the COVID 19 threat. Today administration met to make some extremely difficult decisions that align with the guidelines set forth by MDE, Governor Whitmer, and MDHHS. We have made decisions through April 30th. We will make decisions on events after May 1st when we return from spring break based on further recommendations that we may receive.

Guidance on expectations for schools include:

- Educating students and the community about COVID 19 and preventative hygiene practices
- Encouraging staff and students to stay home when sick
- Regularly cleaning and disinfecting frequently touched surfaces (doorknobs, keyboards, cell phones, light switches)
- Limiting large gatherings such as assemblies, and limit inter-school interactions

To limit the amount of risk to our Huskies, effective Monday, March 16th, any outside adult (including parents and guardians) will NOT be allowed past the office until further notice. This will be in effect for drop off and pick up as well. Please use the drop off lanes when arriving at school or feel free to park and walk your child to the main entrance, leaving him/her at the door. There will be adults stationed at both locations to assist your child, as needed. If you drop off in the lanes, you must stay in your car and follow the directions of the crosswalk workers. At dismissal everyone must go through the pick up lanes. Please bear with us as we adjust to our new normal.

Please note the following changes to our existing schedule:

March 13 - Charter School Spelling Bee - CANCELLED
JV Girls' Basketball Tournament CANCELLED

March 14 - JV Girls' Basketball Tournament CANCELLED

March 16 - Book Fair POSTPONED

- March 18 - NJHS Induction POSTPONED
- March 19 - Read & Feed POSTPONED
- March 20 - Spanish Drama performances ONLY for students/staff
Spanish Drama evening performance CANCELLED
- March 23 - Talent Show Tryouts CANCELLED
- March 24 - Talent Show Tryouts CANCELLED
Y5 field trip to LEGOLAND CANCELLED
- March 25 - EMAX assemblies CANCELLED
Talent Show Tryouts CANCELLED
- March 26 - Middle School bowling field trip CANCELLED
- April 8 - NJHS field trip CANCELLED
- April 9 - PTO Meeting CANCELLED or may be relocated off campus
Talent Shows CANCELLED
- April 17 - Spring Fling Dance POSTPONED
- April 20 - 1st grade field trip CANCELLED
- April 22 - PBIS Dirt Cup fundraiser CANCELLED
4th grade Market Day - NO PARENTS
- April 27 - Y5/K Round Up RESCHEDULED TO MAY 4th

Any after school activity that meets on our campus in a small group and is an extension of the normal learning day (clubs, athletic practices, etc.) will continue as planned.

At this time we are not planning on cancelling school, but in the event that the recommendations from the health department change, we are preparing for that scenario as well. Should this happen, we are asking you to develop a plan for your family. This is constantly changing and we will update you with new information as we have it. We take this seriously and want to be safe, but it is important to remain calm and follow the guidance provided.

Additional resources for information:

The Oakland County Health Division has provided a fact sheet to help address concerns. Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) What You Need to Know.

The CDC provides a situation summary that is updated daily as needed. Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Situation Summary, as does the Michigan Department of Health & Human services Communicable & Chronic Diseases.

The CDC will continue to prepare for the potential spread of coronavirus and will provide guidance to communities. CDC Protects and Prepares Communities.

For any questions, contact the Oakland County Health Division at (248) 858-1280 or health@oakgov.com or visit <https://www.oakgov.com/health>.

Thank you for supporting us in the education, health, and well-being of our Huskies.

Regards,

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