

Dear NBCA Families,

Today, Governor Gretchen Whitmer signed Executive Order 2020-35, which orders all K-12 school buildings to close for the remainder of the school year — unless restrictions are lifted — and ensures the continuation of learning by setting guidelines for remote learning. It breaks my heart that we are not returning to our classrooms this academic year, but I know that our teachers are dedicated to working with you to educate our students during this unprecedented time. While teachers and students will not be returning to their classroom, our mission of educating and caring for students does not stop.

According to the Executive Order, The Michigan Association of Intermediate School Administrators and the Michigan Council of Charter School Authorizers are currently developing a Continuity of Learning Plan template application for schools to utilize in order to create their localized plan. The application template will be made available to us by April 3, 2020.

As soon as we receive the template, we will adapt our distance learning plan and seek approval from our authorizer. The governor requested that our plans begin on April 28, 2020 at the latest. It is our hope that we implement distance learning no later than April 20 2020.

Please note, all standardized tests previously scheduled for the remainder of the school year, including the M-STEP and the SAT, will be canceled. All Michigan high school seniors will be given the opportunity to graduate this year so that they may make a successful postsecondary transition. All other students will be given the opportunity to earn course credit through a variety of means that best match course objectives.

By now, you should already have been contacted by your student's teacher or other school personnel. If you have not been contacted, or need to update your contact information, please contact your teacher or administrator by email (available on the academy's website). Additionally, please let your child's teacher know if you are in need of technology. We are assessing the needs of our families as we plan for online learning and want to know if your child has access to a tablet or laptop. Your child's teacher will contact you personally to gather this information.

You will receive more information on distance learning, homework guidelines or credit requirements, 8th Grade graduation, parent support, building access to retrieve your personal items and much more next week.

We are in this together!

Thank you,

Terry Larkin and Kristen Crawford, Administration Team