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Monday, March 30, 2020

Dear Marysville Parents and Community Members,

Today begins week three of the state's shutdown of all schools due to the COVID-19 global pandemic. To bring everyone up to speed, no update has been offered on our return to school; currently, this date is Tuesday, April 14. Nonetheless, last night (Sunday, March 29, 2020), President Trump extended social distancing guidance until the end of April. Because of this, the district anticipates that our return to school will be delayed for several more weeks. Furthermore, Governor Whitmer indicated this morning during a press conference that she would have an announcement later this week about schools.

Food Distribution

In response to the governor's mandatory COVID-19 closure of all schools in Michigan, the district will continue to provide "grab-and-go" meals for students age 18 and under. Grab-and-go meals will include both breakfast and lunch items for the week. So that the food service department can anticipate the number of meals to prepare, please take a moment to fill out the following survey at <https://bit.ly/39mPMkW>.

As before, all meals can be picked up in the bus loop behind Marysville High School from 11:00 AM thru 1:00 PM on the following dates:

- Tuesday, March 31, 2020
- Tuesday, April 7, 2020

Questions

Over the past few weeks, a number of questions have been brought forth to my office. Thus, I would like to address some of them (see below).

Is there going to be a graduation ceremony?

High School commencements are scheduled for Sunday, May 31, 2020. At this point in time, we have no update on whether we'll be able to honor our seniors on that day. As we learn further about the status of school closures, the district will be able to figure out if it will be able to hold the ceremony.

How will high school students receive their credits to graduate?

This is an issue every high school in the nation is grappling with right now. The district is awaiting guidance from the state as to how to award credits during this unprecedented time. Once this issue becomes clearer, we'll notify students and parents on what actions we will be taking.

What if I need a work permit and how do I get one?

At this time, the district is issuing work permits for essential jobs only. Please email the district's assistant superintendent, Andrea Glynn, at aglynn@marysvilleschools.us, and she'll make arrangements to get you one.

Sincerely,


Shawn K. Wightman, Ed.D.

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Marysville Public Schools