



March 13, 2020

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We are in unprecedented times. Last night, Governor Whitmer ordered that all K-12 school districts close until April 5, 2020, in an effort to minimize the spread and potential risk of exposure to COVID-19. Our priority at this time is to formulate a plan that is: Calm. Measured. Connected. Those are the words we want used to describe our response.

Calm is necessary for thought, focus and reflection. Perhaps most importantly, it is necessary to listen. Listening helps us pay attention to our reactions and responses. Everyone around us, including our children, are watching how we react and respond.

Measured is planned, thoughtful and considers potential implications and consequences. Measured decisions are thoroughly processed decisions. It is better to make a measured decision later than a reactionary decision immediately.

Connected is candid communication that happens regularly. Connected responses decrease anxiety through frequent communication that includes information, resources and support.

We are working on a communication to share with students, families and staff later today. That communication will include what we currently know about the impact of the school closure, as well as those things that we do not know yet but are working on.

Thank you for your continued patience and support as we work together on behalf of our Northview students.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Scott Korpak'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Dr. Scott Korpak
Superintendent