

March 30, 2020

Dear Northview families:

This communication serves to provide you with a weekly update regarding Northview operations during the mandated school closure.

At this point, schools in Michigan are still officially closed until April 13, 2020. However, in a recent interview, Governor Whitmer alluded to the fact that schools may be on a state-ordered shut down for the remainder of this school year. We expect to hear from the Governor this week regarding plans to provide remote learning guidelines, options for graduating seniors, student promotion to the next grade, and other school-related information.

We have updated our [Family FAQ](#) with additional information, including the following:

- Additional Chromebook/packet pick up opportunities;
- Mental health supports;
- AP Testing

In addition to the updated FAQ, we want to take a moment to highlight information about the May 5, 2020 bond proposal as well as an important communication from the Kent County Health Department.

### **May 5, 2020 Bond**

Please click [HERE](#) to read the letter from Northview Board of Education President Dr. Doug LaFleur on the importance of moving forward with the May 5 bond proposal.

It feels as if we are on a voyage in uncharted waters. While we are on this voyage, we are working together to take care of each other, and to help those most in need. We know that in time we will return from this voyage. When we do, the needs of our school district will still be present and just as immediate as they were on March 12.

If approved, this bond proposal would do the following for Northview Public Schools:

- Construct secure vestibules;
- Begin replacing buses, starting with those that are more than 15 years old;
- Replace 30+ year old boilers at Highlands and 20+ year old boilers at Crossroads;
- Replace old and malfunctioning plumbing, broken tile floors, and single pane windows;
- Build new elementary playgrounds;
- Improve traffic flow and create safer parking lots by separating cars and buses at East Oakview; and
- Many more needs that cover all elementary and middle schools, athletics and performing arts.

If you have questions please contact our Superintendent, Dr. Scott Korpak, by email at [skorpak@nvps.net](mailto:skorpak@nvps.net) or by calling him at 616-365-6151.

**Message from Kent County Health Department**

*As the number of people who test positive for COVID-19 (Coronavirus) begins to climb in Kent County, inevitably we will have students, staff, and family members who will be among those infected by COVID-19. The Health Department is responsible for monitoring the incidence of COVID-19 in our community. Those who test positive are contacted by the Health Department and those people who meet the CDC definition of a close contact are also notified.*

*The Health Department staff orients cases and their close contacts about the need for isolation or quarantine. While only a portion of our community will require quarantine, all of us should be monitoring for symptoms, maintaining a safe distance from other people whenever possible, staying home unless it is essential to go out, and washing hands and surfaces frequently. These steps are good for everyone, whether you have had exposure or not.*

As a school, we will not be informing our school families every time one of our students tests positive unless there is a specific reason to do so. We want to respect the confidentiality of each family. The Health Department is very diligent in their contact investigation and surveillance. Since school has not been in session since March 12, the Kent County Health Department has informed us that the likelihood that your child was exposed to COVID-19 in the school setting is extremely low. If you have specific questions or concerns, please reach out to the Health Department at 632-7228.

**Additional Information**

Please continue to visit our [COVID-19 webpage](#), which includes resources such as updated [Family FAQ](#).

Thank you, again, for your partnership. We are incredibly fortunate to have such a strong and supportive community particularly in times of challenge.

Stay tuned for more news, and stay healthy.

Sincerely,



Dr. Scott Korpak  
Superintendent