



October 4, 2020

Dear Northview families,

As you may have heard or read in the media, late in the afternoon on Friday, October 2, the Michigan Supreme Court issued a decision that Governor Whitmer did not possess authority under the Emergency Management Act to declare a state of emergency based on the COVID-19 pandemic after April 30, 2020. As a result, the Court concluded, "the executive orders issued by the Governor in response to the COVID-19 pandemic lack any basis under Michigan law."

It is only natural to be asking what this news means for our school operations since our Preparedness Plan is based on executive orders that were issued after April 30. At this time, Northview Public Schools is not altering the health and safety protocols within our Preparedness Plan, which is posted on our district [website](#). To be clear, face coverings will still be required for face-to-face students and staff. Soon after the Supreme Court decision was announced, Governor Whitmer issued a statement noting, "that this ruling does not take effect for at least 21 days, and until then, my emergency declaration and orders retain the force of law."

In the coming days and weeks, we will continue to gain information regarding how Governor Whitmer's Return to School Roadmap is impacted by the court's decision. Meanwhile, I want to convey that all protocols remain in place until further notice. Thank you for your continued patience as we work our way through this pandemic – together.

Sincerely,

Dr. Scott Korpak  
Superintendent