March 12, 2020

Dear Wayne-Westland Families,

We are continuing to gather information regarding the coronavirus, COVID-19. Our District administration is continuously monitoring the situation and following guidance and direction from the Center for Disease Control (CDC), the Michigan Department of Education (MDE), the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) and the Wayne County Health Department/Wayne County Emergency Preparedness and Response Program.

Governor Whitmer and other officials have spoken about various recommendations to assist citizens and organizations with their decision making. We know other school districts have closed and this raises questions about the status of Wayne-Westland. Any decision to close schools will be done so with input from the Michigan Department of Education (MDE), the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) and or the Wayne County Health Department/Wayne County Emergency Preparedness and Response Program. The safety and learning of our students and staff continue to be our top priority. Currently, we are continuing to educate our students at school. As a reminder, this is a fluid situation that can change rapidly. We will continue to monitor the situation and adjust as necessary.

Here are the latest developments:

- Large group activities
  - Our principals will contact their school communities about postponing or rescheduling large group events with 100 or more attendees.
- Cleaning and preventative practices
  - Our custodial staff is disinfecting all high touch surfaces such as doorknobs, light switches, desks, water fountains, etc.
  - Our buses have been sanitized and are cleaned daily.
  - We encourage staff and students to thoroughly wash their hands for at least 20 seconds. We are asking students and staff to minimize handshakes and high fives.
  - We are asking for both students and staff to stay home if they are sick and advise others to do the same.
- High school sports
  - MHSAA has canceled all winter tournaments.
At this time, our high schools have practices for spring sports.

The Michigan Health and Human Services (MDHHS) encourages families to get a flu shot if they have not already had one to help avoid other seasonal respiratory illness. Flu shots are available for students for free at Beaumont Child and Adolescent Healthcare Center at Adams Upper Elementary School. You can contact the clinic at 734-728-2423.

To keep you updated on the latest information we have a page on our website. If you have any additional questions regarding COVID-19, please contact the Wayne County Health Department at (734) 727-7000.

Sincerely,

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Interim Superintendent