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Dear NHCS Families and Friends,

We have completed week 2 of the school closure and I am very proud and appreciative of the response by our staff, families and community to these changing times. Thank you for your patience and understanding as we continue to plan and develop ways to meet the needs of our students. Each of us has been challenged in the past two weeks but by working together, we are overcoming the obstacles that have been placed on us. The next few weeks are full of unknowns but we will persevere with strength and a positive spirit.

Below are some district updates that I hope will be helpful as we continue to navigate these challenging times.

Child Care for Essential Workers

On Monday, March 23, I sent a letter to the New Haven community to announce an emergency child care plan for children ages birth to 12 years old whose parents are essential workers in Macomb County. The letter has been posted on the district website under District News. There are 3 ways for families to connect to emergency child care in their area.

Phone

Call Kelly Adamek or sherine Katba at the Macomb ISD 586-412-2676

Email

Email a Macomb ISD Emergency Child care Coordinator

Kelly Adamek kadamek@misd.net

JoAnne Elkin jelkin@misd.net

Sherine katba skatba@misd.net

Online

<https://www.helpmegrow-mi.org/essential>

Your information will be routed to the MISD Emergency child Care Coordinator.

At Home Learning

Our at home learning plans continue to be available on the district website, via Google Classroom, a weebly and emails. Our staff has found other creative ways via technology to connect with students. Mr. McCabe's morning announcements, Endeavour's High Five Friday video, Dr. Shepard's YouTube video that provided tips for at home learning and teachers conducting Zoom meetings with students are just a few of the ways we are engaging students with school..

There have been a few questions about the amount of work that has been provided by some teachers. Many teachers have provided enrichments activities/lessons for three weeks. We do not

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expect students to complete these activities/lessons in 2 weeks. As we proceed into week 3, some new material might be offered to students. This is for “preview” or “exposure” to new concepts. Principals/Assistant Principals continue to have weekly virtual staff meetings. I continue to have a weekly virtual meeting with administrators.

Healthy Mind, Healthy Body

Last Friday, we launched a new section of information for our families on our website. It is important that we consider the mental health of our children during this disruption in their routine. Additional resources will be added to Healthy Mind, Healthy Body as they are received by staff. I hope you have visited the website, as needed.

FREE Healthy Meals for Kids

We are continuing the distribution of breakfast and lunch packets for individuals 18 years and younger on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays with a few adjustments during spring break. School buses will continue to follow bus routes through the community and will stop at the bus stops. Buses start at 9:00 and complete their routes by 10:15. Packets are available for pick-up at New Haven Elementary at 9:30. The schedule for the upcoming two weeks is as follows:

Monday, March 30 Delivery from 9:00-10:15 via bus routes; Pick-up at NHE from 9:30-10:15

Wednesday, April 1 Delivery from 9:00-10:15 via bus routes; Pick-up at NHE from 9:30-10:15

*Friday, April 3 Delivery from 9:00-10:15 via bus routes. Breakfast and lunch will be provided for April 3, 4, 5, 6, 7; Pick-up at NHE from 9:30-10:15

*Monday, April 6 Spring Break-No delivery today; Breakfast and lunch provided on April 3.

*Wednesday, April 8 Delivery from 9:00-10:15 via bus routes. Breakfast and lunch will be provided for April 8, 9, 10, 11, 12; Pick-up at NHE from 9:30-10:15

* Indicates changes in the schedule

Enhanced Cleaning

Our custodial staff continues to work in our buildings each day so that schools are disinfected and ready for students and staff.

I did receive an email from a parent who asked about disinfecting the school buses. School buses are wiped down after meal deliveries with disinfectant wipes. A complete sanitizing has been scheduled during the week of April 6-10.

Census 2020

The U.S. Census Bureau has mailed letters to individual addresses. It is very important that you respond by providing basic information about all adults, children and babies living or staying at your address. The letter provides a Census ID and the website for you to complete the information. Your response is kept confidential. If you need help completing the Census, please call toll-free 1-844-330-2020.

The New Haven area was under-represented during the last Census so please make sure you complete the information by April 1.

We appreciate your support and feedback during these unusual times. Please continue to contact your child’s principal, teacher or me with your questions and concerns. We promise to respond as soon as possible.

Together we are kinder...Together we are smarter...Together we are ROCKET STRONG!

Barbara VanSweden, Superintendent
New Haven Community Schools

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