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Dear Laker Parents,

As you've likely heard, a new chapter was added to our surreal COVID-19 experience this morning as Governor Whitmer signed an executive order to keep people in their homes through April 13, 2020. Our administrative team met this afternoon to discuss the implications of this order on our school operations and I'm writing to share some thoughts on that now.

1. **Instructional Expectations** - Our goal is to provide added-value activities for students and parents who wish to stay connected to their learning, and to maintain communication with our students. The focus will be on broader projects that students can do at their own pace between now and April 13. Examples might include PBL activities, innovative solutions to the current health crisis, proposed designs for new projects, etc.
 - When we return, students will have an opportunity to turn their work in for feedback and extra credit.
 - If you remain without wifi in your home, please email Scott Miklovic at smiklovic@lakerschools.org to discuss options for temporary support.
2. **Graduation** - Seniors who were on track to graduate will still graduate. At this point, the date of commencement would also remain the same.
3. **Testing** - There will be no state standardized testing this spring, as directed by President Trump and MDE. Much more to come on that, especially for juniors who will need SAT scores for college admissions and scholarships next year.
4. **Meal Program** - Providing meals for students has been deemed a "critical infrastructure" and will continue for the duration of our closure, including the week of Spring Break. We are, however, making some changes in distribution to better comply with the Governor's orders. On Wednesday, we will be moving to a drive-thru model where meals are served at the school only, from 10AM-2PM. A full five (5) days of breakfast and lunch will be provided for each student at that time to get them through this coming weekend.

I want to say again how much we appreciate your support and flexibility through this time. Ultimately, our wish is to have this end as soon as possible, with each of our employees, students, and families healthy and intact. If we all do our part, I'm confident that will happen. Hang in there and be well!

Sincerely,

Brian Keim
Superintendent of Schools