



# ELKTON-PIGEON-BAY PORT LAKER SCHOOLS

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Dear Laker Parents,

Wow, what a difference a day can make! In a perfect example of how quickly things are changing with the Coronavirus situation, Governor Whitmer announced late last night that all Michigan schools will be closed for three weeks beginning next Monday, March 16.

So what does this mean for our students?

1. We will be in school today (Friday) and will use the time to instruct, organize, and reassure students heading into the break. Many of our children will be scared about what is happening around them and this is to be expected. We want to help ease their fears and let them know that we will remain here for them throughout this closure and that life will go on.
2. Teachers will prep students on what the next three weeks will look like. Our plan is to provide learning opportunities that focus on building/maintaining basic skills, with limited amounts of new information.
3. We will develop a communication plan for students and parents to ensure that teachers are accessible and students can be supported as much as possible. We will also use School Messenger and our EPBP Laker Facebook page to communicate important information as needed.
4. We are still working on meal plans for students who may need that. More information to follow.
5. Students should practice good hygiene at home, avoid crowds, and spend time outdoors as much as possible to get fresh air and exercise.

6. If you suspect your student may be showing symptoms of illness and you do not have access to a family provider, please your building Principal or Counselor and they will help to coordinate care through our Scheurer School Clinic staff.
7. Parents and students may contact our school leadership team with questions or concerns anytime throughout the break at the email addresses below:
  - Elem. Principal, Jill VerBurg – [jverburg@lakerschools.org](mailto:jverburg@lakerschools.org)
  - Elem. Counselor, Becky Krohn – [bkrohn@lakerschools.org](mailto:bkrohn@lakerschools.org)
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These are unprecedented and unsettling times, but we are a strong community and these things can make us even stronger. Please don't hesitate to reach out if you or your child need anything over the next few weeks. We care deeply for our Laker families and are here for you.

Sincerely,



W. Brian Keim

Superintendent  
Laker Schools

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