April 2, 2020

Dear Center Line Family,

Today Governor Whitmer signed an executive order that officially closed school buildings for the rest of the school year. This is very sad to me as so many of our kids depend on us for learning, eating, socializing, and being a part of a team, club, and high interest classes as well as access to our counselors and social workers, administration, and teachers who care deeply for their success and future.

I also understand that safety is our primary focus, and we must be sure that this virus is completely eradicated before we come back together.

Governor Whitmer’s order outlined the following expectations:

- Schools buildings will be closed through the end of the school year unless the Governor indicates it is safe to do so and restrictions are lifted.

- Schools will provide some form of remote learning for the remainder of the school year.

- High school seniors will graduate as long as their school district determines they were on pace to graduate before the state-mandated shutdown March 16. [This will be determined by our high school staff, central office, and Board of Education.]

- Students in grades kindergarten through 11th grade will advance to their next grade at the beginning of the next school year, as long as their school district determines they were on pace to advance before the shutdown. [This will be determined by our staff, central office, and Board of Education.]

- Schools will receive their full state funding through the end of the school budget year, which runs through June 30.

- Michigan’s third-grade reading law, which recommends third-graders who are more than a year behind in reading be retained in third grade, will not be enforced this year. This would have been the first year the law went into effect.

- Current high school juniors will be given an opportunity next fall to take the SAT at the expense of the state, to make up for the state-funded college entrance exam they would have taken in March if schools had not been closed.

I want to share with you some of the progress Center Line Public Schools has already made to address these expectations.

Remote Learning

- Immediately following the March 12th mandatory shutdown announcement, all teaching and support staff, principals, and administrators began Google Certification training to become familiar with Google Classroom so they can move to working with their students in the virtual environment.

- After spring break, we will work to get all of our students into the virtual environment through Google Classroom or Schoology so there can be direct instruction and reinforcement of essential skills.

The mission of Center Line Public Schools is to provide all students relevant and challenging learning experiences to inspire success and empower them to be the leaders of tomorrow.
• We have been meeting virtually with our principals and literacy coaches to design a starting point so that everyone can become comfortable in this new modality.

• We are working on a deployment plan to get devices into the hands of students who do not have the technology needed to access virtual learning. We are asking every family to fill out a technology survey to assist us with this. You can access the survey on our website at https://www.clps.org/apps/pages/TechSurvey or respond by phone/email to the enclosed paper version. Please respond by April 13, 2020.

• Each family will receive further communication about the plan for remote learning including a schedule and log-in information, so please be sure to fill out the survey and provide your contact information.

Graduation for Seniors
The high school staff will be working this week with Central Office to develop a clear, outlined plan to determine which students are "on track to graduate" and which require additional work to be "on track to graduate," as well as credit attainment for Quarter 3 and adjusted grade level credit bands for promotion next year.

Due to the complexity of the credit system and graduation requirements, we want to ensure that a clear, detailed, and comprehensive plan is in place prior to communicating it to our families. We are dedicated to doing what is best for our students and appreciate your understanding during this unique time. Please be assured that we are working on this and will communicate it with you as soon as possible.

Grade Level Promotion
The third-grade reading law, which recommends that third-graders who are more than a year behind in reading be retained in third grade, will not be enforced this year. All students who have made adequate progress to date will be promoted to the next grade.

Food Distribution
The current food distribution plan is that we continue to prepare and distribute 1720 meals per day on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:30-11:30am at Center Line High School, Roose, Crothers, Peck, and our Transportation building. This means that our food service group will prepare and distribute 5,160 meals each Tuesday and 6,880 meals each Thursday. That is a lot of work! We also have some staff and volunteers helping our food service groups.

We miss you. We miss our kids, and we grieve for the many fun events that we will all miss. We are working hard to do our best each day while looking to the future when we can be together. We will adhere to the new guidelines and continue our conversations about how we can celebrate our kids.

Be safe. Take care of yourself and others, and know that you and your children are thought of and missed each day.

Sincerely,

Eve Kaltz
Superintendent
We are asking that every family fill out a technology survey by April 13, 2020. You can respond in any of the following ways:

- Fill out the survey on our website at https://www.clps.org/apps/pages/TechSurvey
- Email your responses to webmaster@clps.org
- Call Jan Fix at 586-216-9308 your responses.

CLPS Family Home Technology Survey

In order to provide educational opportunities for families during this unprecedented time, Center Line Public Schools is surveying the technology available in our students' homes. Please take a few minutes and help us form solutions for your student by completing the following quick survey:

1. Who is your current home Internet Service Provider (ISP)? Choose one.
   - AT&T (Traditional/U-Verse or AT&T Fiber)
   - Comcast (Xfinity or Internet Essentials)
   - WOW! (Wide Open West)
   - We use Cellular (through a mobile Hotspot, JetPack, or Phone Provider)
   - We do not have Internet access in the household
   - Other

2. What devices do you have available at home for your student to access the Internet? Check all that apply.
   - Windows (Desktop, Laptop, or Tablet)
   - Macintosh (Desktop or Macbook) iPad
   - Chromebook
   - Android Tablet
   - Smartphone
   - We do not have a computing device in the household
   - Other:

3. Can any of the devices you mentioned in Question 2 be available for educational use by your students for at least part of the day?
   - Yes
   - No

4. What school (or schools) do your student(s) attend within CLPS? Check all that apply.
   - Center Line High School
   - Wolfe Middle School
   - Crothers Elementary School
   - Peck Elementary School
   - Roose Elementary School
   - Early Childhood Center (Pre-K programs)
   - Academy 21 Virtual Program (6-12)
   - Academy 21 Partnership Program (K-5)

5. What is the name of your student/students?

6. Who is your student's teacher? (For middle and high school students, list the 1st hour teacher only.) Please provide one teacher name for each student.
Family Home Technology Survey (Part 2)

In this section we ask for the best methods to reach you. This information will only be used by the district to contact you to discuss technology in the home. It will not be sold or shared outside of the district. If you are completing the survey on behalf of a primary contact, please list whom you would like to be the primary contact during school shutdown.

7. What is your name? (first name, last name)

8. What is your relationship to your the student(s)? Choose one.
   - Parent
   - Guardian
   - Sibling (Brother, Sister)
   - I am the student
   - Other:

9. What is the best phone number to reach you?

10. What is the best email address to reach you?

Please contact Laurenne McDougall at 810-294-4933 or mcdougalll@clps.org for assistance.