

March 13, 2020

Dear Kalamazoo RESA families,

Due to the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19), Governor Gretchen Whitmer announced the closing of all K-12 school buildings in Michigan. Students are not to report to school from Monday, March 16 to Sunday, April 5. Her decision was made to stop the spread of the virus and to protect the health and safety of students. School districts in our county have spring break from April 6 to April 12 and it is very unlikely that will change.

Students and families are always Kalamazoo RESA's first priority. While schools are closed, Kalamazoo RESA will work with the Kalamazoo Health and Community Services Department, local school districts, the Michigan Department of Education, and other community partners to make sure students and families have the support they need, including access to food.

We know this is an uncertain and stressful situation. The situation with COVID-19 is changing fast. As we learn more, we will continue to provide you with the information you need to know. We will post updates about the virus, as well as Kalamazoo RESA's services for students and families, on our website at [www.kresa.org/COVID-19](http://www.kresa.org/COVID-19).

COVID-19 is spread the same way the common cold or flu spreads—through close contact (within about six feet) of a sick person, or by touching things a sick person has touched.

Please talk to your children about what your family can do to avoid getting sick:

- Wash your hands often with soap and warm water for 20 seconds.
- Don't touch your eyes, nose, or mouth.
- When you cough or sneeze, cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve.
- Avoid contact with people who are sick.
- If you are sick, stay home and avoid contact with others.

Thank you for your help as we act together to keep our community safe.

— Dave Campbell, *Superintendent*