

April 8, 2020

Dear Lapeer Community School Secondary Families,

Governor Whitmer issued an executive order on April 2, 2020 that suspends face-to-face instruction in all K-12 school districts for the remainder of the 2019-20 school year. This will be a dramatic departure from our normal course of business, but we are fully confident in the ability of our students and staff to adapt. We appreciate your patience, as the District begins the process of rolling out the highest level of academic opportunities we can offer in an online environment. We have developed a virtual learning plan to facilitate instruction on all of the previously scheduled school days beginning April 14 and ending June 12, 2020 (last day for seniors will be May 21st).

We are prepared to offer all 6-12 students a dual approach to a virtual learning plan.

- 1) **Online Learning Platform** - Twice per week, teachers will create and produce lessons and activities for their courses. Students will receive an email to their school email account **every Monday and Thursday**. If Monday falls on a holiday, assignments will be posted the following day. Each teacher will create and produce educational activities for students to participate in for their courses.
- 2) **Virtual Interaction** - We strongly feel the importance of making face-to-face interactions between teachers and students possible. All classroom teachers and support staff associated with a class will participate in virtual interactions to conduct discussions on lesson content and answer questions so that students can have daily interactions with staff. During this time your child will join a virtual classroom via Google Hangouts or Zoom following the weekly schedule and times below:

Weekly Virtual Interaction with Teacher Content Schedule:

Monday	English
Tuesday	Math
Wednesday	Social Studies

Thursday	Science
Friday	Electives

Content teachers will communicate through their Google Classroom/student school email account which of the specified daily virtual interactions times listed by building below will be scheduled for their specific course. Invitations will come from google classroom to join the interactive discussion for the specified time frame on the day listed.

Rolland-Warner	Zemmer	Lapeer High School
12:45 pm - 1:30 pm	10:15 am - 11:00 am	7:45 am - 8:30 am
1:30 pm - 2:15 pm	11:00 am - 11:45 am	8:30 am - 9:15 am
2:15 pm - 3:00 pm	11:45 am - 12:30 pm	9:15 am - 10:00 am

Please note that instructional information regarding Ed-Tech Courses or Dual Enrollment courses will come directly from those content providers.

Support with Technology

In an ideal setting, all our students would have the ability to participate in the lesson delivery and interactive activity. The reality is, you may not have access to the technology to do so. Despite possible limitations, we will do what it takes to provide your child the best educational opportunity we can during these difficult times. If you do not have access to a computer please email your building Dean of Students to check out available technology and discuss possible options gaining access to virtual content.

Dean of Student Contact information:

- Rolland Warner: Kent Meister, kmeister@lapeerschools.org
- Zemmer: Natalie Husted, nhusted@lapeerschools.org
- Lapeer High School: Mike Smith, msmith@lapeerschools.org or Media Specialist, Erin Koues, ekoues@lapeerschools.org
- CFI: Bob Jannuzzi, Rjannuzzi@lapeerschools.org or Melissa Anglebrandt, manglebrandt@lapeerschools.org

In order to assist parents and students, we have developed a variety of resources to support accessing virtual content. The links below are also available from the district website.

How to Join a Google Classroom: <http://youtu.be/du23MRGsZVI?hd=1>

How to Join a Google Hangouts Meet: http://youtu.be/Gf_tx8e6yaE?hd=1

How to Join a Zoom Meeting: <http://youtu.be/w7S8j3udGmo?hd=1>

Communicating with Staff

The preferred contact method of communication for all staff is email since staff will not have physical access to their classrooms. If email is not available, you may contact a teacher by following the directions.

- Parents can call the building and select the option for Voice Directory
- Once the teacher's phone is reached, leave a voicemail. The teacher will be able to access voicemail remotely and will check periodically for messages.
- Please be aware if teachers contact you by phone their number will appear as restricted, in order to protect teacher privacy.

Additional Support for Students

For students who receive additional assistance through Section 504, Special education, and English Language Learners (ELL) parents will be contacted by their child's case manager and/or service provider to provide access and opportunities to their programs and supports that will be available to support students during the closure.

In the meantime, please seek ways your family can participate in our virtual learning plan and your student's teacher and school will be in contact with you very soon. Just as a reminder, this is our initial communication regarding the transition to online learning and we know there are many unanswered questions. Please stay tuned to more details that will be shared in the coming weeks.

Thank you,

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