

April 9, 2020

As Governor Whitmore extends the stay-at-home order today, our staff at Lapeer Community High School is putting in extra time and effort to provide our students the best educational experience over the next couple of months. The staff has already started to reach out to students and will continue to do so over the coming weeks. The teachers and staff are looking forward to seeing our students succeed during this time of uncertainty. In short, we are excited to watch our students reach their goals.

The purpose of this letter is to communicate in more detail the instructional plan for our students moving forward for the remainder of the year. This is very detailed approach with many layers, and because it is all new, we anticipate some hiccups along the way. **We appreciate everyone's patience as we navigate these uncharted waters.** Understand our overarching goal is to keep our students progressing in all content areas and have 100% participation. To help make this happen, we are available to help and support in any way possible. Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at [sspilski@lapeerschools.org](mailto:sspilski@lapeerschools.org).

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### **STUDENTS STRUGGLING WITH ADJUSTING TO THE CLOSURE:**

**School provides students with a structure, routine and social interaction** that is important to us as people that we rely on greatly. Losing that routine can have a negative effect on us as people, both young and old. **Our counselors, social worker and school psychologist are here to help support** our students in adjusting to the closure. Please use the contact information at the bottom of this communication and we will have one of our staff members contact your student if you feel your student is in need of assistance.

### **INSTRUCTIONAL PLAN FOR REMAINDER OF THE 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR:**

LCHS students will continue to use our Pearson Connexus online platform for their education for the remainder of the year. The website for Pearson Connexus is:  
[lapeercommunity.lms.pearsonconnexus.com](http://lapeercommunity.lms.pearsonconnexus.com)

- Students need to continue to work on their progress in each of their courses.
- Mentor teachers will have weekly contact with each of their students.
- **Teachers** will have a virtual, **face-to-face interaction once a week on Zoom**. Access to these interactions will be sent to your student through their student emails and Pearson

Announcements. (Mrs. Tanke will communicate through email in Pearson Announcement or your student's email)

English	Monday	<a href="mailto:ctanke@lapeerschools.org">ctanke@lapeerschools.org</a>
Math	Tuesday	2-3pm
Social Studies	Wednesday	1-2 pm
Science	Thursday	10-11am

***Parents and students should establish routines to ensure the greatest likelihood of students succeeding in this new delivery system.***

### **INSTRUCTIONAL PLAN FOR STUDENTS WITHOUT ACCESS TO INTERNET OR TECHNOLOGY:**

We ***understand that a large portion of our student population lack the necessary tools*** to participate in an online environment. This could be due to lack of technological devices, lack of a quality Internet connection, or no Wi-Fi in the home.

If you are in this category, please ***contact the Dean of Students Melissa Anglebrandt*** at [manglebrandt@lapeerschools.org](mailto:manglebrandt@lapeerschools.org) or ***Dean of Students Bob Jannuzzi*** at [rjannuzzi@lapeerschools.org](mailto:rjannuzzi@lapeerschools.org). They will be working on a plan to support students without the ability to connect and participate in online learning. We may be able to help get students connected through Chromebook checkout or other means later next week. The current plan is to provide ***one Chromebook per family in need and with the appropriate wifi*** to utilize these devices starting next Thursday. ***More details will be available early next week.***

Ultimately, if it is impossible to get a student online, we will have a system in place to get ***printed materials*** in students' hands so they can participate and move forward as well. The key to get that to happen is to ***contact Mrs. Anglebrandt or Mr. Jannuzzi***. They will be tracking all of our student needs and communicating with parents and students regarding the plan moving forward.

### **STUDENT ACCESS TO MATERIALS AT LCHS:**

We understand this is priority #1 for several of you, and ***we are developing a quality system to get essential materials to students***. This is difficult due to the shutdown and the restrictions that are currently in place. The goal is to develop a system that is efficient, but also adheres to regulations and ensures the safety of students, parents, and staff. ***Access to materials can only be conducted by parent or guardians under the guidelines of the governor's executive order.*** This access will most likely occur in the week of April 20<sup>th</sup>. ***As soon as we have finalized the details of how this will work, we will send home communication to parents.***

### **ED-TECH COURSES:**

We have been in contact with the Lapeer ISD regarding programs provided through the Tech Center. ***Your student should have been contacted by their instructor from Ed-Tech*** to establish a Google Classroom Account. At this time, Ed-Tech intends to push out a ***lesson and activities on Sunday evenings, that are due the following Saturday***. Instructors and paraprofessionals will conduct office hours throughout the week to support students. This ***may include a Zoom / Google Hangout meeting between 3-3:45*** at some point during the week. Students should contact their instructor at Ed-Tech if they are having issues related to these programs.

### **STUDENT GRADES:**

Within the governor's executive order, she outlines that face to face contact has been suspended for the academic school year. She also directs schools to continue to educate students through the end of the year through alternate methods. ***Essentially, we are closed, but not cancelled!*** The primary method for Lapeer Community High School to accomplish this is through the previously discussed online platform of Pearson Connexus or printed materials for those that do not have access to the internet. Student grades have been stored in Powerschool as of April 8<sup>th</sup>. Moving forward students are ***expected to participate***, to the extent feasible, in their online courses. Teachers will be contacting their students on a weekly basis to answer questions and to help with assignments.

Some students have a ***need or desire to improve their grade*** between now and the end of the school year. Staff have been instructed to work with students ***on an individual basis*** to provide them the opportunity to improve their grade. For some, this may mean working to retake, or submit work missing prior to the closure. Students should contact their teacher mentor individually to determine what steps they need to take to improve their current grade between now and the end of the school year.

[PowerSchool](#) will still be accessible to parents; however, you ***will not see a change in grades*** until the end of the semester. ***You will be able to view course progress by accessing their Pearson Connexus account.***

### **EXTRACURRICULAR AND SENIOR ACTIVITIES:**

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### **SENIOR ACTIVITIES:**

The governor's executive order states that all extra/co-curricular ***events in schools are canceled while the state of Emergency exists. At this point, this has not affected the scheduled events of Honor's Convocation, Swing-Out, Baccalaureate and Commencement.*** These events represent the culmination of a student's education with Lapeer Community Schools and are as important to us as they are to our seniors and their families. ***In the event the school closure affects these events, all efforts will be made to postpone, re-schedule or determine alternate methods to recognize and honor our graduates in the class of 2020.***

### **SUPPORT AND QUESTIONS RELATED TO THE CLOSURE:**

All Lapeer Community Schools ***employees are continuing to work during the shutdown.*** This includes administrators, teachers, support staff, and paraprofessionals. The first place to go for any ***questions about specific classes would be your student's teacher.*** As a general rule, teacher email addresses are their first initial + last name @ lapeerschools.org (example Shad Spilski is [sspilski@lapeerschools.org](mailto:sspilski@lapeerschools.org))

Please know, as we continue to work to meet the educational needs of our students, ***additional information will be provided through school messenger, Pearson Announcement, and district webpage*** as well as ***emailed directly to your student's school email account.***

For ***additional support*** with ***any questions*** you may have, please contact the following staff members for more assistance. We will be working from the school on a limited basis and will also be checking voice mails from home. Please call the main office number at 810-667-2423 and enter the extensions.

Shad Spilski – Director of Innovation – [sspilski@lapeerschools.org](mailto:sspilski@lapeerschools.org) (ext. 3203)  
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Bob Jannuzzi – Dean of Students – [rjannuzzi@lapeerschools.org](mailto:rjannuzzi@lapeerschools.org) (ext. 3231)  
Bridgette Miller – Drop-out/At-risk Coordinator – [bmiller@lapeerschools.org](mailto:bmiller@lapeerschools.org) (ext. 3351)  
Amanda Cowgill – Secretary – [acowgill@lapeerschools.org](mailto:acowgill@lapeerschools.org) (ext. 3202)