

April 2, 2020

Dear members of the Cornerstone Community,

**Today the Governor of Michigan announced that - due to COVID-19 - school facilities will not reopen until next fall.** A few key points to highlight:

- **The Governor wants learning to continue.** Even though the school buildings themselves will be closed, we are developing individualized learning plans for each student to continue their learning remotely. We recognize that everyone faces different constraints during this difficult time. Students will *not* be penalized if they can't participate in these plans.
- **These learning plans will build on resources already in use,** including homework packets, IXL, iReady, and Khan Academy. We will be adding Homework Hotlines and other communication tools to allow you to stay in better touch with teachers, occupational therapists, social workers, speech pathologists, and the Dean of Students. We will share more about those plans after Spring Break next week.
- **In the meantime, you should continue to use resources** provided by your student's teacher and via the Cornerstone Facebook page and website. You can also ask your child to identify what they are most excited about learning each day. If possible, follow-up to see what they have learned each day. Learning together with a sense of exploration, curiosity, and discovery results in deeper and more meaningful experiences for a child.
- **We will continue to provide meals (breakfast and lunch) for students who need them.** Meals for students can be picked up at each of our campuses on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays between 10 am - 12 noon.

**Spring break will be next week from April 6th to 10th, as scheduled, for all students and most staff.** During the break, students will still be able to access online resources. Many staff will be busy working behind the scenes to develop an Educational Plan that reflects the Governor's latest requirements. I am grateful to our staff for all the work that they are doing to support our families, even while they take care of their own.

**We are in this together.** We will continue to reach out and check in on you and yours. We will have more to share once we have had a chance to develop more detailed plans.

If there are more things we can do to help you and your student(s), please let us know. If you have questions or comments, please reach out to Kaly Bhatt at 734-812-8583 or through her email: [Kalyani.Bhatt@CEGSchools.org](mailto:Kalyani.Bhatt@CEGSchools.org). Thank you for being a part of the Cornerstone family.



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