



Dear Benton Harbor Charter School Academy Parents and Guardians,

Everyone's world has been dramatically changed as the result of the Coronavirus pandemic, and the closure of schools and the stay-at-home order. No one in our community has not been personally affected by this.

We wanted to take time to thank you for your patience and flexibility. Information is changing day by day, and even hour by hour and we are doing our best to keep you informed to the best of our ability, knowing that some of our questions have yet to be answered.

One question we wanted to address today was regarding spring break. Along with other local schools, Benton Harbor Charter School Academy will continue with our spring break as scheduled. While we know spring break is going to look different this year with the "Stay Home, Stay Safe" order, we are still going to give our school leaders, teachers and staff the space for self-care and family time. We hope you do the same. Spring break is effective at 4 p.m. today, April 3, 2020.

Even though we will be on spring break, you may continue to use the resources your child's teacher has provided for you during this one week time period and continue using any online resources. We are encouraging the staff to take time for themselves during spring break, so while you may send them a message, they will not be expected to reply until their return on April 13, 2020. At that time, we will update the learning opportunities and may also have more information about how the rest of the school year will go with all in-person schooling canceled.

I would like to thank our outstanding school leaders, teachers and staff who continue to adapt and provide instructional resources to our students and families during this extended closure time, all while caring and providing for their families at home. Our teachers are doing their best to respond to each family's needs creatively and flexibly, meeting the individual needs of your student. *Please note, if you have not heard from your teacher, please reach out to your school leader directly.* We care about you and want to offer any help that we can.

At Choice Schools, we are very conscious that our families are juggling many commitments and our intent is to support you, not add to the many burdens you are shouldering. It is important to maintain two-way, open communication. If you need more support, flexibility or resources, please email your child's teacher or school leader. We are all in this together and the health of everyone — students, staff, parents and families — is the most important thing at this time!

Thank you again, and Stay Home and Stay Safe!

*Laura Moellering*

Superintendent