



Dear Bobcat Family

The school is always with us: in the best of times and the worst of times. It has served as second home and refuge. We have been here, and we will always be here for your children. In this unprecedented time of pandemic, uncertainty, and isolation, we see our mission as critical. We are working on the best means to educate your children and to provide the structure that they rely on. Learning is not confined to the classroom, and we will strive to adapt our curriculum to the technology that is available to us.

We will not make light of the fear and the hardship of the Coronavirus pandemic. However, we know from experience that the times of disaster are also times of creativity. Our teachers are equal to the challenges that confront us, and our community will continue to serve you and your children as we have in the past.

Today, Governor Gretchen Whitmer signed Executive Order 2020-35, which orders all K-12 school buildings to close for the remainder of the school year — unless restrictions are lifted — and ensures the continuation of learning by setting guidelines for remote learning. It breaks my heart that we are not returning to our classrooms this academic year, but I know that our teachers are dedicated to working with you to educate our students during this unprecedented time. While teachers and students will not be returning to their classroom, our mission of educating and caring for students does not stop.

Our Charter School Authorizer Ferris State University is currently developing a Learning Plan template application for us to utilize moving forward. The application template will be made available to us by April 3, 2020.

As soon as we receive the template, we will adapt our distance learning plan for their approval.

The governor requested that our plans begin on April 28, 2020 at the latest. It is our hope that we implement distance learning right after spring break.

Please note, all standardized tests previously scheduled for the remainder of the school year,

including the M-STEP and the PSAT, will be canceled. All of our eighth grade students will be

given the opportunity to graduate this year so that they may make a successful high school

transition. All other students will be given the opportunity to earn credit through a variety of means

that best match their grade level.

By now, you should already have been contacted by your student's teacher or other school

personnel. If you have not been contacted, or need to update your contact information, please

contact your teacher or administrator by email (available on the academy's website).

Additionally,

please let us know if you are in need of technology or technology support and we will try to

provide resources for you.

You will receive more information on distance learning, homework guidelines credit requirements,

eight grade graduation, parent support, building access to retrieve your personal items and much

more on Monday April 6, 2020

We are in this together!

Tim Harris, School Leader