

March 20, 2019,

Dear Lakeview Parents and Guardians,

I want to communicate weekly to our Lakeview community throughout this school closure. There are still many questions and not enough answers. Please know we are here to do whatever we can to help our parents, students, staff, and greater Lakeview community. Below are the current updates.

Free Meals Available

Free “to go” breakfast and lunch is available every day, Monday-Friday, through April 3 at the times and locations listed below. Meals are available to all children ages 18 years and younger. Any person (child or adult) can pick up meals.

- 11 am-12 noon at the Lakeview Middle School circle drive
- 12 noon-1 pm at Prairieview and Riverside Elementary parking lots
- 1 pm-2 pm at Minges Brook parking lot

Spring Break and School Calendar Updates

We are waiting for the legislature to pass a bill to forgive the emergency closure days. At this time, we plan to follow the current school calendar with Spring Break taking place April 6-10.

LHS Senior Events

There are no changes to senior events including graduation.

When Will Students Return to School.

I was on a conference call with Governor Whitmer and State Superintendent Rice. The Governor is not planning to extend the break but will consider it based upon the progression of COVID-19. Right now we are preparing for students to return on April 13.

Access to Buildings

We cannot allow parent or student access to buildings in order to keep facilities free from any possible viruses. If there is something that you absolutely need from a building, please email your principal or call 269-565-2400.

Central Office

We have reduced staffing and office hours at Central Office. Parents, students and staff members may continue to contact Central Office for assistance at (269) 565-2400. If you need to come to the office, please call ahead to make an appointment. We are requesting that Central Office visitors be limited to one per family at a time.

Home Instruction

The Michigan Department of Education has been clear that the work we have provided cannot be counted towards a student's grade. The work is not required, but it is for enrichment. If you have any questions, please contact your building principal via email.

I want to provide some advice to our parents as you figure out how to work with your child over this break.

- Develop a daily schedule for your child. Include times for academics, exercise, creativity, hands-on learning, social service (doing things for others), and chores.
- Have a normal sleep schedule
- READ every day for at least 30 minutes, if not longer
- Get outside and explore...keep their mind active
- Limit screen time to about two hours a day
- Play board games
- Instill calm...children will follow your lead

KCC Classes

LHS students who are enrolled in KCC classes will hear directly from KCC regarding how the classes will go online, or if they are cancelled.

Technology and Internet Access

- We have Wifi hotspots available. Call 269-565-2400 to make an appointment to pick up a hotspot.
- We do not have Chromebooks available, we handed out all that are available.
- Comcast is offering 60 free days of internet access (<https://www.internetessentials.com/>).

Physical and Mental Health Resources

- Grace Health's Student Health Center site at Lakeview High School is temporarily closed. Current patients may call 269-965-8866 for services including virtual and telephone visits.
- Summit Pointe Intensive Crisis Stabilization (ICS) Team provides mental health support to Calhoun County youths ages 0-21. They can be reached at 269-441-5945.

I know this is a significant hardship on many parents in many different ways. This is also a hardship on our community and local businesses. Whenever possible please support our local businesses as this allows for their employees to remain employed. We are all in this together. I have great faith in our community as we work together to get through these times.

With Spartan Pride,
Blake J. Prewitt, Ed.S.
Superintendent