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Good morning ELPS families,

As you may know, Governor Whitmer held a press conference late last night to announce that all Michigan schools will close for three weeks beginning Monday, March 16. The reason for this closure is to reduce the spread of the coronavirus in the state of Michigan. This closure will include all after-school activities, clubs, athletics, etc. We recognize that this is sudden and that there are a lot of questions you may have. We will do our best to answer your questions, and as we get additional information, we will share it with you through eblast, robocalls, our website and social media. At this time, we believe that we will all return to school on Monday, April 13, but we will confirm that as soon as we can.

We are asking students to take home all of your belongings today and clean out lockers or cubbies so that we can thoroughly clean and disinfect the school while it's closed. We've reminded them to remember items such as band instruments and items in your gym lockers as the building will not be open to retrieve items after today. If your child has medication in the office, please call the office to make arrangements to pick it up today.

In addition, all after-school activities and practices are canceled for today, including after-school homework help. Students should all leave the building at the end of the school day.

Please know that we all care about your children and their well-being. This can be a scary time as it is uncharted territory for all of us. Just know that we will all get through this together and that we'll all be ok.

Thank you,

Dori Leyko, Superintendent