

Good morning parents, this is Vaughn White, Superintendent of Hesperia Community Schools.

Parents, it is with a heavy heart that we are expecting school will not be allowed back into session this school year. The Governor may release an executive order soon mandating the close of all Michigan School Districts buildings. This predicted action is to prevent the spread of this very contagious virus. I am sure the decision will be difficult for her to make, but made for the health and safety of all of our families.

We anticipate her order will direct school districts to attempt, to their best abilities, online instruction. We realize this could be an overwhelming task for our teachers and families that do not have or have limited connectivity and devices. This will not only be a challenge for our district, but a challenge for hundreds of school districts across our state. Nonetheless, we will brainstorm ways to make this work for as many of our students as possible. This will require patience and support from all of us.

I know there are many unanswered questions at this point. We will work to answer these questions as we gain more information to develop plans to address educational needs. I am confident that seniors will receive diplomas if they were currently on track with credits before the closure. It is unclear however, if or when, commencement will take place. We just don't know at this point.

In order for online instruction to have any chance at all, we absolutely need you to take the Student Internet and Device Survey found on our district webpage. This information is critical for us to assess the resources available in your household. Please fill out one survey for each child in your home that attends kindergarten through 12th grade.

Parents, I appreciate your commitment to our district as we work through the upcoming weeks. We know this situation has been extremely difficult and our thoughts and prayers are with you.