MEMO

To: DCS Families
From: Edward Manuszak, Superintendent, Dundee Community Schools
Date: Monday, March 23, 2020
Subject: Revised Food Service Practices (to be implemented immediately)
Attachment: Governor Whitmer’s Press Release March 23, 2020 about food service

Governor Whitmer issued her “Stay Home, Stay Safe” shelter-in-place order earlier today that takes effect at 12:01am tomorrow, Tuesday, March 24 and expires on Monday, April 13 at 11:59pm. As of today we now plan to resume school on Tuesday, April 14. Her Press Release for the “Stay Home, Stay Safe” order can be found at: [https://www.michigan.gov/whitmer/0,9309,7-387-90499_90640---,00.html](https://www.michigan.gov/whitmer/0,9309,7-387-90499_90640---,00.html) We do not have any further clarification on MHSAA Spring Sports, district decisions on other student activities like Prom, or how or when our 2020 Riverside and High School Graduations will be conducted. All school and community related activities remain cancelled and all off the buildings remain closed. There is so much to be determined and so much yet to be decided. It is very important that we all remain patient and flexible during this very fluid time.

The Governor’s order was implemented to “flatten the curve” of the spread of the deadly COVID-19 virus. We need everyone to adhere to the guidance of this order. Therefore, we have made some changes to our current Meal Delivery and Food Pick-Up program. Dundee Community Schools must make sure our actions are not only going to offer our students food, but also to keep our staff safe. Therefore, to limit the amount of contact for our staff and maximize our food distribution we are moving immediately to implementing a food pick up model beginning tomorrow, Tuesday, March 24 from 9-11am at the High School. We then will offer the next food pick up on Friday, March 27 from 9-11am. As of today, we will reevaluate this model near the end of this week. We are changing this to offer the safest way for our staff to distribute food to our students. Please email Ms. Shelly Farris at shelita.farris@dundee.k12.mi.us to inform our district if you are going to participate in this new meal pick-up. So that we can prepare the correct amount of meals to accurately match the number requested. We are also asking that individuals who do pick up the meals practice “social distancing” and remain six feet away from others and our Food Service staff while picking up their food.

Additionally, we are also requesting any families that are currently enrolled in our district’s Backpack Brigade weekend meal program please contact Ms. Rachel Palmer, our District Nurse at rachel.palmer@dundee.k12.mi.us to verify you are planning to continue to be enrolled. This program is FREE and is offered to any Dundee Family. New families may sign up, please contact Ms. Palmer. The pick up time for this week is Friday, March 27 from 9-11am at the Elementary School main entrance. We have moved this time to match the revised meal pick-up times at our High School so a family that participates in this program would only have to come to our campus one time on Friday.
Thank you for your patience, flexibility and cooperation with these new outlined practices from our district. Please contact me with your questions, comments, or concerns. Be well and safe. Below is a copy of the “School Food Service Considered Critical Infrastructure, Should Continue” Press Release.

RELEASE: Whitmer Administration: School Food Service Considered Critical Infrastructure, Should Continue

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
March 23, 2020
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Whitmer Administration: School Food Service Considered Critical Infrastructure, Should Continue

LANSing -- Gov. Gretchen Whitmer’s office issued the following statement today from Press Secretary Tiffany Brown on the governor’s "Stay Home, Stay Safe" executive order:

"Gov. Whitmer is committed to ensuring that Michigan students have access to the food they need during the COVID-19 pandemic. Under the governor's executive order, K-12 school food services are considered critical infrastructure and should continue. The governor deeply appreciates the vital work that our frontline school employees are doing every day to ensure that our kids have the food they need while the order is in effect."

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