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Greetings Bentley Bulldogs!

The administrative team met today to contemplate opportunities and challenges we are facing as a result of COVID19 and the mandated school closing by Governor Whitmer. There are many details that we are trying to work through. The following are updates that I wanted to get out to you today. I will send updates as appropriate.

## **MEALS**

One of the most important issues currently is ensuring that our students, who rely on us for breakfast and lunch, still have access to those meals. We are planning to provide a breakfast and lunch each day for each Bulldog up to the age of 18 and up to the age of 26 for those who have an IEP (Individualized Education Plan). We are planning to start this on Monday, March 16 and make these meals available Mondays through Fridays for at least the next two weeks.

These two meals will be given out together each day as a package, and the meals do not need to be eaten on campus. We are working to have the meals distributed in two ways: 1) available for pick-up on campus and 2) to be brought to bus-stops in the district at a scheduled time for families/students to come and get them. The details for how these meals will be made available are being finalized; we expect to share those details tomorrow.

## **BUILDING ACCESS**

Per Governor Whitmer's Executive Order on March 13, 2020:

"Beginning on March 13, 2020 at 5:00 pm, and continuing through April 5, 2020 at 5:00 pm, all assemblages of 250 people in a single shared space and all events of more than 250 people are prohibited in this state, except for assemblages for the purpose of: industrial or manufacturing work; mass transit; or the purchase of groceries or consumer goods. A single shared space includes but is not limited to a room, hall, cafeteria, auditorium, theater, or gallery. This prohibition does not abridge protections guaranteed by the state or federal constitution under these emergency circumstances."

"Beginning on March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020, **all elementary school buildings and secondary school buildings in this state must close to students for educational purposes through April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020.** This requirement includes all public, nonpublic, and boarding schools in the state. This

requirement does not apply to residential facilities at schools and childcare providers at schools” [Emphasis added].”

“Consistent with MCL 10.33 and MCL 30.405(3), a willful violation of this order shall constitute a misdemeanor.”

With this order in mind, **Bentley schools will be open this Monday, March 16<sup>th</sup> between 1:00 and 3:00 p.m. so that students may stop by to pick up any personal items they left behind and would like to get. We will allow up to 20 people at a time to come in and get their belongings and promptly leave.**

### **CANCELED UPCOMING EVENTS**

Monday, March 16<sup>th</sup>: The bond steering committee is canceled.

Wednesday, March 17<sup>th</sup>: The Parent Partnership Event is canceled.

Thursday, March 26<sup>th</sup>: The Middle School EDP Dinner is canceled.

Per MHSAA, all athletics (practices and events) are suspended through April 5<sup>th</sup>.

### **INSTRUCTION**

There will be no official grading until April 5, 2020.

There will be no required coursework over the next three weeks.

Know that I wish you well,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kristy Spann". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kristy Spann, PhD

Superintendent