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Dear Hudsonville Families,

As you may be aware, Governor Whitmer has made the decision that all Michigan K-12 school buildings shall be closed effective Monday, March 16, 2020, through Sunday, April 5, 2020. We are continuing to work through several aspects of this situation and are working collaboratively with other agencies to make the best decisions for our staff and students with the information we have. At this time, the following actions will be taken by Hudsonville Public Schools:

- Eagles' Nest will be closed effective today at 6:00 PM until further notice.
- All spring sports and after-school activities are canceled until further notice.
- Parents are encouraged to pick up any essential items (e.g. medications) today, Friday, March 13, 2020.
- At this point, spring break is still scheduled for April 3, 2020 through April 10, 2020. While we have no intentions of this changing, we await direction from the Michigan Department of Education regarding the impact this may have.
- We do not know how this will impact the need for make-up school days. We will continue to update with information as it is known.

Please understand that the decision to have school open today and closed effective Monday are in accordance to the guidance we are receiving from Ottawa Area Intermediate School District, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, the Michigan Department of Education, and the Governor's Office. We respect and understand if you have chosen to keep your children home today. While you may not agree with the guidance received and subsequent decisions made, we respectfully request that you refrain from expressing your thoughts and feelings about these decisions via phone calls and emails to our buildings and administrators during the next couple of days. This will free up our staff and administration to concentrate on what needs to be done for the health and safety of our children and community in the immediate future.

For information related to speaking with your children about the Coronavirus (COVID-19) please consider reviewing this video link. [How should you talk to your kids about coronavirus?](#)

For updates, please consult our website at:
<https://www.hudsonvillepublicschools.org/updates>.

We thank you for your understanding and patience.

Sincerely,

Doug VanderJagt, Ph.D.
Superintendent of Schools