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Good Afternoon Union City School Families:

I am writing to acknowledge that our landscape is changing quickly in response to the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Pandemic.

Of course, this raises many questions about the school calendar, spring break, and when students will return to school.

These are genuine and relevant questions to ask. As your superintendent, I want to have answers to these questions, as well, so I can share them with you. At this point, I cannot provide all of those answers but will share with you what we know at this time. I also ask that you remain patient as we, and schools across the state, take time to understand, adjust, and respond to these new dynamics as the world around us changes faster than we can anticipate.

State-wide School Closures – March 16-April 6

As you probably already know, last night Governor Gretchen Whitmer announced that in order to slow the spread of COVID-19, she is ordering the closure of all K-12 school buildings, public, private, and boarding, starting Monday, March 16th until Sunday, April 5th. School buildings are able to reopen on Monday, April 6th.

Pre-School & Daycare Programs

Community Unlimited Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP) and Branch and Calhoun Head Start programs will also be closed for the three weeks.

Spring Break/ End of the Year

There are 11 counties in Michigan that share the same spring break time period that we have, which is April 6th through April 10th. Unless we are mandated by the Governor or the Michigan Department of Education, Union City Schools will be keeping those dates as our spring break. We know that many of our families have their vacation plans already in place and it would be a financial hardship on them to cancel plans at this time. Currently, we do not know if we will be required to make up days at the end of this school year. Those decisions have not been made or shared with us from the Michigan Department of Education or the Governor's office.

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Breakfast & Lunch Programs

We are working to provide breakfast and lunch for students. More information will follow when available.

Athletics & Extracurricular

All sporting events, practices and extracurricular events have been cancelled for the next three weeks as well. We want to keep our students and families as safe as possible.

Enrichment Activities

Our staff is working hard to provide opportunities so our students can engage in learning while school is closed. The elementary teachers are working to prepare packets to help your student keep his/her learning active. The high school and middle school teachers may be sending out activities through Google Classroom that can be utilized at home. Please encourage your student(s) to stay engaged with learning.

Building Closures

Our buildings will be closed to the general population starting Monday, March 16, 2020. We realize that students may have left items that they need from their lockers and/or classrooms. The buildings will be open tonight Friday, March 13th until 6 p.m. and tomorrow morning from 9-11 a.m. in order for students to collect any items they may need over the next few weeks.

Thank you for your support and know that I will communicate through email, robocalls, and Facebook with additional information as it becomes available.

Sincerely,

Ronna L Steel, Superintendent