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Gov. Gretchen Whitmer's Executive Order closing all public and private K-12 schools for the rest of the school year raises numerous questions for students and families. St. Clair County RESA is working cooperatively with the Michigan Department of Education and the other county school districts to answer those questions as quickly as possible.

Some things we know:

- Our physical school buildings will remain closed to students through the end of the school year in June. Once we have a continuing education plan established we will work with staff and students to determine how best to retrieve required learning materials.
- Learning will continue for our students for the remainder of the school year. This will look different, but instruction will continue.
- Seniors on track to graduate this year will receive their diplomas.
- We will provide educational opportunities for our students that they can access without coming to their school building. As you can imagine, this is a huge change for all schools. This may involve some combination of online learning and printed materials. A major concern is that all students have equal access to these opportunities. We will provide more details as we have them.

St. Clair County RESA and our teachers are doing everything we can to protect our community and families, and make these difficult times as productive and meaningful as possible for our students.

We understand that there will be many, many questions about our normal year-end routines and celebrations. We will be as responsive and creative as possible as we grapple with how to best support students and families in these uncertain times.

We will be looking at everything from graduation to grading, from schedules to student progress, and from academics to the emotional well-being of our children. Nothing is "business as usual." We are particularly concerned about recognizing our graduating seniors and are working to create new ways to recognize their accomplishments.

Our parents have been amazing. They are taking up the challenge of keeping their children engaged and learning. We thank you for that. Also remember this: Your most important role as a parent is to take care of your child. Experts say you should talk with your children, and listen to what they're saying. Talk

about their fears, their concerns, their worries. Learning can occur in all sorts of ways: cooking, cleaning, playing games, and just living life.

We greatly appreciate your support and understanding. We will continue to communicate with you as plans become more solidified and additional answers become available. We will provide an update and a preliminary plan for continuing to support our students' learning as soon as we've had an opportunity to work through the many details.

We encourage the community to visit our district website, watch for district emails, and follow the district Facebook page for new information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kevin D. Miller". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent "K" and "M".

Kevin D. Miller, Ph.D., RESA Superintendent