



April 16, 2020

Dear MISD Families:

We hope your family and caregivers are safe and healthy. We are all grateful for the health care workers on the front lines battling this dreadful Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic. Please keep them in your thoughts as we continue to support them in their vital and life-saving work as well as all the other workers performing essential services on our behalf.

I know our staff members and your families are experiencing the impact of this virus on a personal level. As we hear daily of the number of Macomb County citizens who are being affected by this public health crisis and experience the sobering reality of the impact on their lives, we are hopeful that the curve will begin to flatten here in Michigan and throughout the country.

With the extended Stay Home Stay Safe environment, and the closing of our buildings through the end of the school year, our staff and administration are making every effort to support our students and families. They are making connections with parents and students, providing appropriate instruction and important emotional support as all of us deal with these unprecedented times. Various strategies are being deployed including providing materials, making phone calls, communicating with online platforms and working directly with our families on a plan of support.

We are feeding thousands of families each week with the help of our bus drivers, transportation assistants and other volunteers as the MISD continues to provide door-to-door deliveries. In addition, we are working with Gleaners at various sites, including our school buildings, for much needed additional support to our families.

The MISD collected thousands of protective glasses, masks, cleaning supplies, gloves and gowns from the local 21 school districts including the MISD to be shared with our hospitals throughout the county. On a countywide level, we have been asked to provide Child Care for essential workers, especially in the health care field, and for some of our parents.

All of us have to adapt to protect the health of our families and community, and, hopefully soon, we can return to some type of normalcy. The commitment and dedication of our teachers, principals and support personnel will continue to support you and your special needs child indefinitely through this Pandemic.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mike DeVault". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Mike" and last name "DeVault" clearly legible.

Michael R. DeVault  
Superintendent