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To Novi Community School District Parents and Community Members:

Welcome to another week.

Today, Monday, April 13, our Novi teachers posted via <u>Schoology</u> or <u>SeeSaw</u> online learning lessons for this week. For this week, we are continuing to follow the model that we established when we began this journey on March 16.

Next week, April 20, we will change our model and begin implementing our new Continuity of Learning Plan. This plan will expand our current online experience.

Some have asked why it was not implemented this week. The answer is that we are working to insure that what we plan will be appropriate for our students and for you, as parents. We understand that you are part of this process now and we want to make sure that our plan can be implemented well in all of our homes.

What I can share about our Continuity of Learning Plan is that, there will be some live check-ins, video lessons, posted work, and learning links.

We cannot duplicate our in-class experience via online learning, but what we can do is provide lessons that will help our students continue to learn and continue to prepare for the 2020/2021 school year.

Today, I sat in as our K-4 teacher leaders discussed the final details of our plan. Our teachers are being very thoughtful as they prepare this plan. After these final details are worked out, our plan will be presented to our Board of Education and then submitted to Oakland Schools for approval. The details will be posted on our district website as well.

After our Continuity of Learning plan is finalized, if you have questions about our plan please feel free to reach out to your building principal who will be able to guide you through the process.

A number of you have had questions about what the closure means. We have collected these questions and will be posting a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) page on our website by Wednesday. The Frequently Asked Questions page will hopefully answer your questions.

We anticipate that it might create questions as well, so the document will be a living document. We will add questions and answers as we move through this process together.

As you are aware we have restricted access to our tennis courts and high school baseball field. This was done to ensure that we do everything we can to comply with the Governor's Executive Order to limit



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social gatherings. Our high school track continues to be accessible as long as groups do not congregate on the field turf for games or activities.

We continue to share with each other through social media - Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram - our #NoviTogether campaign to keep us united even though we must be apart.

Steve

We will navigate through this journey together.

Stay Healthy and Safe, Steve Steve M. Matthews, Ed.D. Superintendent Novi Community School District