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To our Novi Community School District families and Community,

We are one week into our coronavirus closure. Last week seems like a long time ago. The Novi Community School District wants to be your partner through this interesting time. If you have needs or concerns please feel free to contact us so that together we can navigate through this successfully.

Academic Opportunity Survey

A brief survey is provided so that you can give us some feedback on the academic opportunities that the district has provided.

As a reminder, each Wednesday the district will post new academic opportunities. The primary vehicles for this are through SeeSaw for students in grades K-6 (although some are using other platforms) and Schoology for grades 7-12.

If you or your children have been unable or unsuccessful in accessing this academic content please contact your building principal to help you navigate to our information.

Please complete this very brief <u>survey</u> to help us understand how things are going.

Academic Opportunity Survey

Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate Program Information

I know many high school students and families are concerned about Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate program outcomes with this interruption in school.

We are not sure what is going to happen.

Here is news from the College Board about Advanced Placement:

https://apcentral.collegeboard.org/about-ap/news-changes/coronavirus-update

Here is news about the International Baccalaureate program:

https://www.ibo.org/news/news-about-the-ib/covid-19-coronavirus-updates/

Spring Sports

The Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA) has not made a decision about the fate of spring sports. They have taken a wait and see perspective. This seems prudent at this time because we do not know when we are returning to school.

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More information can be found at the MHSAA site here: <u>https://www.mhsaa.com/coronavirus</u>

Food Distribution

Food will be distributed once again this Tuesday from 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM at Novi High School. Food is free to all Novi Community School district parents. Food is provided to each Novi Community School District student free of charge.

To access the food, please drive into the Taft Rd. lot (the bus loop lot) and proceed around the curve. You will be provided a seven day supply of grab and go breakfast and lunch food.

Again, this is free to any Novi Community School District parent. Food can be provided for each Novi schools' student in your family.

We also have buses going to the Novi Ridge and Pavilion Court apartments. The buses will deliver food to the clubhouse area between the hours of 10:00 and 11:00 AM.

Social Media

One way for all of us to stay connected through this closure is to use social media. Our district is posting information <u>@NCSD</u> and I am posting information as well <u>@docsmatthews</u>. In addition, the Novi Community School District has a <u>Facebook</u> page.

Social media has pluses and minuses, but one thing it can do is help connect us even though we are apart.

Final thoughts

Many teachers have expressed to me the sentiments of all of us who work for the district - we miss you! We miss seeing your children in our schools and classrooms. We miss connecting with the parents. We miss athletic contests and band, orchestra, and choir concerts. We miss recess. We miss reading stories in class. We miss school.

Stay healthy. We will keep you informed. And one day we'll be back together and we will celebrate all the good things that school provides for us.

Steve Steve M. Matthews, Ed.D. Superintendent Novi Community School District

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