

Holton Public Schools "Rooted in Community, Reaching for Excellence, Ready for the Future"

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Dear Holton Families:

Late last night, Governor Whitmer announced the statewide closure of K-12 Public School Districts in Michigan beginning Monday, March 16, 2020. This is a proactive measure to help mitigate the transmission of COVID - 19. Schools are to return to session on April 6, 2020. Holton Public Schools is **tentatively** scheduled to return to school on Monday, April 13, 2020 following our scheduled spring break.

In conjunction with Public Health - Muskegon County, **Holton Public Schools will be OPEN on Friday, March 13, 2020.** This decision was made to provide opportunity for teachers to give academic material to students to maintain some level of learning for the next few weeks. All after school activities will be cancelled on March 13, 2020 including all practices, MS/HS Play, Daddy/Daughter Dance, and youth sport events.

The district is working on a plan to provide meals to students during this closure as well as support student learning. There are more questions than answers right now. We are waiting for more guidance from the state including the impact this has on the school calendar, state testing, and spring athletics. Once we learn more, we will let you know. We know this closure will be incredibly difficult for many of our families. We will work hard to provide the best support we can to our community.

Continue to heed the advice from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and our local health departments. We will get through this! Stay calm. Wash your hands. Contact your medical provider if you develop symptoms.

I hope you all stay healthy!

Respectfully,

Dr. Adam Bayne Superintendent