COVID-19 School Closing Information

March 13, 2020

Dear GHAPS Staff,

As you know, Governor Whitmer has ordered the closure of all K-12 school buildings for three weeks, beginning Monday. Therefore, GHAPS will be closed March 16 – April 3, 2020. All buildings will be closed to students, which means there will be no activities or events at our schools. Daycare and Open Door are closed as well. Spring Break will proceed as scheduled from April 6 – 10, 2020.

While there are still many unanswered questions, the leadership team is working nonstop to develop effective plans under these unprecedented circumstances.

All GHAPS staff will continue at full pay during the three-week closure. Essential staff will be asked to report, and teachers will have “Learn from
Your principals and directors will provide more detail, but there are many ways that we will need your help to support our students and their families.

Existing sick time policies remain in effect for all staff, and we will remain conscious of creating a safe working environment for all. At this time, there are no changes to staff schedules or expectations during break.

Our goal with the “Learn from Home” program is to provide essential learning to all K-12 students. Teachers will work virtually and collaboratively next Monday and Tuesday on their plans for providing at-home learning for students, with lessons to begin on Wednesday. All students in grades 3-12 will have their Chromebooks at home with them, and we are working on plans to assist families who do not have home Internet access. Your principals will provide guidance and assistance as needed.

Food is a significant concern for many of our students. We are planning to work in collaboration with our food service provider and local nonprofits to supply food to students and families who need it as quickly as possible.

We will provide additional updates as more information becomes available. Thank you for your patience and understanding as we work through the many complexities of this situation.

Sincerely,

Andrew Ingall, Superintendent
Grand Haven Area Public Schools