

REED CITY AREA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Every Student, Every Day...Commit, Succeed, and Lead

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Dear RCAPS Staff and Families,

Thank you for your patience, flexibility and level heads as we grapple with the effects of COVID-19 and what that means for our staff and students. We understand that these are uncertain times. We are proud to say that this team excels in uncertain times and I am sure this time will be no different. As a team, we will continue to do great things for our students, staff and community during these challenging times. The following information is to help guide us through this fluid situation.

Things we know:

- All athletics, including speed training, weight lifting, open gyms, etc. will be cancelled until April 6, 2020. This is mandated for all the schools in the State of Michigan, per MHSAA.
- RCAPS will remain closed until April 6, 2020. During this time all students and staff are prohibited from being on school grounds, with the exception of central office staff, technology staff, or staff that have prior approval from central office. Staff is expected to read and respond to emails during this time.
- Custodians will be deep cleaning all of the buildings during this time.
- For the safety of everyone: Students and staff that leave the State of Michigan for any reason and experience flu like symptoms upon their return, are expected to notify central office immediately.

Things we are still determining/awaiting guidance on:

- Our last day of school may be amended. We are waiting on information from the State of Michigan regarding student instructional time and contact hours.
 We will pass this information along as soon as we receive it.
- At this time RCAPS does not have an online learning requirement for your child but this may be amended in the future as this situation develops. Teachers may send home "practice activities" with your child. These are voluntary learning opportunities and it will not be assessed to determine proficiency.
- RCAPS will help coordinate essential services for our students who are in need of food or other necessities. We are awaiting some final guidelines before we can put a plan into place. We will notify the community as soon as plans are finalized.

As we have mentioned previously, the safety of our students and staff is our number one priority. We will continue to communicate with you as this situation becomes more clear. At this time, the best thing we can do is practice proactive measures such as social distancing and handwashing as well as avoiding fear-based responses as our nation

| responds to this critical issue. Please make sure to check SKYWARD, our website, or our Facebook page to get the latest updates from Reed City Area Public Schools. |
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