



HARBOR BEACH

COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

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March 14, 2020

As most of you know, Governor Whitmer announced late Thursday evening that all K-12 schools in Michigan would be closed beginning Monday, March 16, 2020, and can reopen on April 6, 2020. At this point in time, it is too early to know if that time will be extended.

Our district's official communication will come via our school webpage, school Facebook page, from our Rave Phone System, or directly from your child's teacher. Please do not listen to rumors or gossip from sources outside of these sources. Also, please note all individual, group, and team activities at Harbor Beach Community Schools are canceled. All means all. The fitness center is closed, all gyms are closed, and clubs/teams are not allowed to gather as per MHSAA directives. Our Kindergarten informational evening scheduled for next week will be postponed. You can still begin the process of registering your child by filling out the brief form on our website at <https://tinyurl.com/HarborBeachKdg>.

Let's be honest, there is no replacement for face-to-face master teachers delivering real-time content and adjusting instruction based on a students' need. Great teachers have immense impact on learning. I won't demean great teachers and instruction by claiming we can replicate that by quickly putting together online content. We do, however, hope to provide some "bridge" to learning while students are away from school. While students are at home, we encourage them to continue learning. Many teachers have already provided work to students. Please continue to check for notices from teachers as they send updates. Our teachers will try to provide resources you can use at home, and we hope you'll try them out.

I hope to post more brief messages like this in the future to keep you updated. I want to thank you all for your cooperation over the last few days as this unprecedented situation unfolded. We are truly all in this together, and I've been proud that our pirate family has chosen a path of caring and cooperation instead of finger pointing and negativity. Positive breeds positive. I'm a Pirate: Strong, Proud, and Positive-thinking.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Dr. Shawn Bishop'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Dr. Shawn Bishop
Superintendent