



Detroit Community Schools

EDUCATION IS POWER

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Dear Parents, Students, and Community Members,

Thank you for supporting your students as the DCS teachers make educational opportunities available to them. I'm sure that you'll agree that this is uncharted territory for all of us. Every webinar I attend or letter that I receive to get information about the direction schools should be taking uses this phrase, "everything is fluid."

I want to assure you that all teachers, staff, and administration are focused on teaching your student. Teachers are being inventive, encouraging students to continue to complete assignments by Distance Learning. Michigan's legislative body has yet to determine if or how much these assignments will count toward credits or grades. From the webinar I attended yesterday and conversation that followed, there is a possibility of these assignments counting toward 1) credit/grade completion; 2) counting as a project. I can almost guarantee if a waiver is granted by the State, we will have to provide proof that education was offered and evaluated. The teachers are required to document every student they contact and whether that student responds. Please be diligent in encouraging your students to be responsible for his assignments.

I know the Seniors of 2020 are upset, confused, and frustrated. Governor Whitmer is determined to allow graduation to happen. Ms. Lester has been working diligently to maintain dates for planned events and to move them as necessary. Once we return to school, which right now, as dictated by Governor Whitmer, is April 13, 2020, I would ask the Seniors to meet as a class with me and their advisors the week we return. The purpose of the meeting is so we can work together to sort things out according to the Governor's mandates.

Please stay healthy and safe. I know the teachers, staff, and administration miss see you in the school.

As a reminder, Grab and Go breakfast and lunches will continue to be served until we return to school from 9-11:30 in the high school entrance area.

Sincerely,

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Superintendent