



April 21, 2020

Dear CATA Students and Families,

Yesterday, we received the news that Governor DeWine has instructed schools to remain physically closed for the remainder of this academic school year. We respect and understand the decision to continue to try to flatten the curve of spreading the virus. Yet it brings with it, a sense of loss that we will not be able to say our Summer goodbyes. Love and hugs go out to all our students and staff, especially our transition grades (K and 8th), and our Seniors who will be moving on to adulthood, college, military and beyond. CATA's commitment to you... no matter when life resumes, you will have your senior experiences.

As the physical school building will remain closed, our expectation is learning and engagement will continue through the scheduled end of the year, May 27, 2020. On a weekly basis, learning packets will be made available through our website or mailed/picked up from CATA. Teachers, including intervention specialists, speech/language pathologists, occupational and physical therapists, Title I and ESL teachers will be reaching out at least once/week to support the ongoing learning efforts. I have asked each one to devise a weekly routine that includes agreed upon times with families that they will connect with each student. Please ensure that you have made these arrangements and commitments with your child's teacher.

Given the challenges associated with distance learning, the 4th quarter we will not issue traditional letter grades. Teachers will instead track student progress on their weekly calls with your child to ensure that learning and growth continue through the end of the year. This is of far more importance to us during this time than any formal letter grades. As we must do our best to lessen the learning gap this shut down will create. Again, please ensure that the weekly check-in times are protected.

Meals will continue to be distributed on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:30-11:30 through May 27th. If your child has personal items at the school (school supplies, articles of clothing, etc.), please contact your child's teacher to make arrangements for retrieving those items.

We anticipate school will resume in August for the 20-21 academic year. Our first day of school will be Wednesday, August 12th. Calendars and back to school information will be sent later this summer.

We will continue to work with all of our CATA Family to get through this together. Continue to stay safe and contact us for any questions you may have.

As always...Have a Blessed CATA day!

Sincerely,

Principal Bates
