Hello Walled Lake Parents:

Thank you to everyone for your time, effort, and patience as we transitioned to Virtual Learning Opportunities for our students this week. We know that this has been a challenging week for everyone as the United States moves through this crisis. The District has received a number of questions related to Grading/Assessment and what our teachers will be providing to your children during this time. Below are the answers to these questions.

Grading/Assessment:

I feel it is necessary that all students participate and complete quality work so our teachers can provide feedback. Based on the guidance that we have received, student work is not to impact their current GPA or grade. No formal tests/quizzes/assessments will be given at this time. However, teachers are tracking the daily completion of online activities for potential future consideration of grading/assessment based on the direction provided by the Michigan Department of Education. Please continue to encourage your child to participate daily as this is an excellent opportunity for teachers to reinforce prior learning.

Learning Opportunity Expectations:

Today the Michigan Department of Education indicated that “There is no mechanism to earn instructional time during a period of mandated school closure. However, schools can and are encouraged to offer supplemental learning opportunities to students using distance learning methods as they see fit.”

Our Virtual Learning Expectations continue to align with the MDE’s latest update. This has been our approach from the beginning and it has not changed.

On a daily basis teachers will:

- Post a welcome message
- Post a question/prompt related to ELA-Math (at the Elementary Level) or their content area (at the Secondary Level and FAPES teachers)
- Provide feedback to your students

Many unanswered questions remain including the length of the school year, Forgiveness Days, what happens with credits for high school students and especially seniors, etc. We are actively discussing options and solutions with administrators and we remain committed to sharing those answers as soon as we receive them. We will continue to advocate, locally, in Michigan, and nationally, for your children.

We will keep you updated as information becomes available. Thank you for your continued support of our school community and our community at large.

Sincerely,
Catherine Kochanski
Assistant Superintendent of Learning Services