Dear WLCSD Parents:

We hope you are taking care of your families, following the Governor’s stay inside directive, and continuing to connect with your child’s learning via Google classroom. We are communicating with the Governor’s office, the Michigan Department of Education, our local and state health officials, and others as we gather resources to keep you updated.

I hope these three published communications will give you information on what is happening in WLCSD.

- I was interviewed on a West Bloomfield cable show on Civic Center TV. This gives you highlights of the incredible work happening in our District.

- Cathy Kochanski, assistant superintendent of Learning Services, highlights our virtual learning.

- Ellie Friedman, WL Central senior, wrote her insightful perspective in the Detroit Free Press.

**Academic Updates & Resources:**

**Standardized Testing:** The United States Department of Education has agreed to grant States a waiver from 2019-2020 standardized tests. In addition, the International Baccalaureate tests have been canceled and we are expecting an update from the College Board this week on AP testing. At this point AP tests have not been cancelled. The College Board has canceled the May 2, 2020, SAT and SAT Subject Test administration. Makeup exams for the March 14 administration, scheduled for March 28, are also canceled. For more information, please visit Coronavirus Updates for Students Taking the SAT.
Elementary Report Cards: These were available beginning Wednesday afternoon via Skyward Family Access.

Secondary Report Cards: This Friday, March 27, marks the end of the third marking period for Walled Lake Schools’ middle and high schools. Our normal protocol involves a few days of review and updating of comments, followed by the posting of final grades on Thursday, April 2. Due to the COVID-19 mandatory school closure, teachers will not be posting grades next week.

All Skyward grade books are frozen as of Friday, March 13, the last day students were physically in school.

At the time we are permitted to return to school, new instruction will resume and a plan for a compressed or extended end of the school year will be communicated by the District, based on direction from the Michigan Department of Education. During this mandatory school closure, students should actively participate in the daily learning activities teachers are posting via Google Classrooms as teachers are tracking completion of online activities to be considered in future potential grading/assessment.

- [Google Classroom Parent Resource](#)
- [Technology Resources at a Glance](#)
- [Virtual Classroom Resources](#)
- [Parent Resources wlcsl.org](#)

Social Emotional/Mental Health Resources:
Nichole Moore, Director of Special Services, has compiled [this message](#) for staff and parents.

- Mental Health Resources
- Common Ground

Food & Community Resources
Walled Lake Schools Food Service and a band of volunteers served and delivered 11,242 meals at two distribution locations (WL Central & WL Western) providing breakfasts and lunches for 803 children for the week, on Monday, March 23. We will have [food distribution on Monday, March 30 and Monday, April 6](#).

- Hospitality House
- Lighthouse Oakland County
- United Way
- [Oakland-Livingston Human Services Agency](#)
I could not be more proud of our students, staff, teachers, parents, administrators, and our entire community. We are staying connected and looking out for our children, albeit in a virtual format. We hope you continue to access the COVID-19 site on the District-website and our Parent Resources as they are being updated many times each day. While there are still many questions that remain, including a potential date to return to school, how we best honor our seniors, how high school credits are handled, etc., we are working on all of this, we will keep you informed, and we remain committed to Every Child, Every Day.

I wish you safety and health.

Respectfully,
Kenneth Gutman
Superintendent of Schools