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To the families of Hudson Area School Students;

The State of Michigan has required that schools submit a Continuity of Learning Plan that outlines how schools will provide learning opportunities for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year. Hudson Area School's learning plan has been submitted and accepted. Starting the week of April 20th all Hudson Area Schools' students will be receiving weekly contact from their teachers. Students will also be receiving learning assignments to keep students moving forward in their education.

The detailed plans are available for you to review on our district web site. On the web site you will find the general district plan that was submitted to the State. In addition, we have provided more detailed plans that are specific to each building.

Hudson Area Schools has also created a Home Learning Hub that can be accessed through our website. The Home Learning Hub will provide key resources to support students, school families, and staff for the remainder of the school year. It will provide links to students' classrooms and other important information that you might find helpful.

Attached to this letter you will find that we have addressed several other topics that we hope will be helpful. We are also providing contact information so that we can support you however necessary or answer your specific questions. You can expect additional updates in the next several days as we continue to solidify our plans and address issues.

We understand that your family has many things that you are attempting to deal with currently. We know it might be impossible for your students' education to proceed as normal these next several weeks. We are encouraging everyone to do your best! Our priority is for us to stay connected with you and to support your family in any way that we can. Over these next several weeks, may we all do our best to work together in supporting one another, and to help our students learn more about the world around them.

Sincerely,

Dr. Michael Osborne, Superintendent

Hudson Area Schools
Continuity of Learning Plan Topics

District Website

A new page is being added to our website. When you go to our Hudson website (<http://hudsonareaschools.weebly.com/index.html>) you will be directed to a link to our Home Learning Hub.

The Home Learning Hub will provide key resources to support students, school families, and staff for the remainder of the school year. It will provide links to students' classrooms and other important information that you might find helpful.

If you are having technology difficulties contact;

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Methods of Learning

Hudson Area Schools will implement a hybrid model of instruction. Students will have the option of using instructional packets or an online learning platform. For students that have internet access, but do not have a device, devices can be requested through the student's teacher while devices are available.

Grading

Students will not receive a class grade any lower than what they had in each course prior to the mandatory school closure. Pre-K through 8th grade students will not be receiving grades for the new material they complete. Students taking high school classes will have one of the following options;

- 1) take the current grade as of the mandatory school closure and continue to work on the course
- 2) complete the assignments for a grade to attempt to improve grades
- 3) complete the assignments and take courses as pass/fail

If a high school student decides on option 2 or 3 they will be required to complete the course to improve their grade. No student will receive a lower grade than they had at the time of the mandatory school closure.

Seniors

All 12th grade students will receive credit for the courses they were passing, and upon the completion of a transcript review by the school's counselors, will be permitted to graduate May 2020. Seniors will not be permitted to graduate early. Students who were not passing a required course will be provided opportunities to earn course credit to stay on track for graduation.

Plans are currently being reviewed for senior events such as graduation, awards ceremonies, and the scholarship awards banquet. We will do our best to reschedule these events or to make other arrangements as soon as possible.

Personal Property Pick-Up

Student personal property such as items left in the middle school, junior/senior high school hallway lockers or elementary classrooms has been gathered and placed in bags. These items can be picked up on Monday, April 20 between the hours of 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM. We also ask that you bring back any library books or other school materials you will not be using.

Elementary families can pick up their items near the main entrance of the elementary building. Staff will have the items on the sidewalk by grades. Indicate to the staff member the student name and teacher of your student. Have your trunk or car door open and the staff member will place the bag in your vehicle.

Middle school, junior/senior high school families can pick up their items near the high school gym entrance at the back of the building. Indicate your student's name and grade. Have your trunk or car door open and the staff member will place the bag in your vehicle. Learning kits (notebooks, crayons, etc.) will also be distributed at the same time.

Please remember to practice social distancing when you come to the district. If you have any symptoms of illness, please stay home. If you have gloves or masks please wear them.

Learning Supplies

The district will provide learning supplies to families that need them. On Monday, April 20 we will be distributing them at both the elementary and middle school, junior/senior high school from 10:00 AM- to 2:00 PM.

The elementary will be handing out learning kits that will include notebooks, crayons, and other learning items. They can be picked up near the main entrance of the elementary building. Staff will have the items on the sidewalk by grades. The middle school, junior/senior high school will distribute supplies at the middle school gym entrance (north side of building).

Beginning Monday, April 27 and each Monday until the end of the school year, learning supplies for both the elementary and middle school, junior senior high school can be picked up at the middle school gym entrance from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM.

Devices and Connectivity

It is understood that not every student has the electronic device or connectivity to the internet that will allow them to access online material. Students will **not** be penalized for their inability to fully participate in the available learning opportunities.

Students without internet access or who are unable to acquire the necessary device will have access to instructional materials through weekly instructional packets. Packets can be picked up during our weekly meal pick-up time, Monday from 11:00 AM to 1:00PM.

Hudson Area Schools has a limited number of devices that can be loaned. There is a priority to ensure students earning grades and students with unique needs receive these devices, if needed. Requests will go through the student's teachers.

The Home Learning Hub will have recommendations for your family to consider providers for internet access. Hudson Area Schools is currently working on remote sites where families can access WiFi from their vehicles. Announcements will be made when the remote sites are available.

Hudson Wesleyan Church (229 Hill St.) is also scheduling appointments for you to use their facility to access WiFi. Call 517-448-6411 to make an appointment.

Meals

Hudson Area Schools will continue the food distribution program. Meals are free for anyone under 18. Meals contain breakfast and lunch items for 5 days. Food distribution will occur weekly each Monday from 11:00 AM to 1:00PM. Meals can be picked-up or delivery is available in some areas. Pick up is located at the MS, JR/SR High School (771 N. Maple Grove Ave.). Contact information: Michell Dunn 517-448-8912 ext. 239 or mdunn@hudson.k12.mi.us.

Support

Hudson elementary and middle school, junior/senior high school counselors have all been provided school mobile phones. The purpose is for students or school families, with emotional needs to be able to text or call a counselor as needed. The contact information is as follows; Lincoln Elementary Counselor- Nicole Cheney- 517-260-8050, Hudson MS, JR/SR High School Counselors- Karen Cheney- 517-306-8772 and Tyler Conrad- 517-343-9298.

Students and families are also encouraged to speak to our teachers or any of our school staff if you have needs or if we can be of assistance in any way.

Other community support is also available. United Hudson Churches has an emergency line for financial, food, as well as emotional and spiritual needs: 517-306-0149. The line is available 24-hours a day, 7-days a week. You can also visit www.unitedhudsonchurches.com for more information. If you would like to access WiFi this can be done at Hudson Wesleyan Church (229 Hill St.). Call 517-448-6411 to make an appointment.

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