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Dear Parents and Guardians,

First, I want to check in with you as this unprecedented time has caused many of us to feel unsettled as it is all so surreal. Please continue to check on each other and be there for one another.

As you may be aware, this morning Governor Whitmer closed schools for the remainder of the school year. Her desire is to keep us all as safe as possible, yet with that announcement comes more questions than answers.

My heart goes out to our senior class of 2020 as it means many of the traditional celebrations must now look different. I promise we will find ways to bestow all the honors they have worked so hard to receive. I'm confident we will weather this storm, and our senior class will go out with style.

In the days to come, I will be working with my staff to address questions like:

- Will there be required work for students to complete?
- How will my child get this work?
- What about my child's IEP or 504?
- How will second semester grades and report cards be handled?

I'm sure there are more questions, and we will work diligently to find answers and communicate them to you. For now, please heed the warnings and only go out when you absolutely must. Currently, no work is being required of your child nor do you need to do anything but be safe. I did enclose additional resources that have been made available on the second page of this letter.

I'm guessing I'll have more information to share with you by early next week. Please email me with any other questions or thoughts that you may have.

Sincerely,

Catherine M. Cost, Ed.D.  
Superintendent

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## **Resources for Social, Emotional Needs**

MDE is committed to providing resources to help support the SEL needs of students, staff, and families. The department has posted many resources on its webpage at [www.michigan.gov/mde](http://www.michigan.gov/mde) under COVID-19 Updates. This webpage provides SEL resources for children and adults, and offers many digital options for administrators, teachers, staff, families, and children to receive this and other critical content.

## **Detroit Public Television Adjusts Schedule to Offer Educational Programming at Home**

Effective Monday, March 30, 2020 (TODAY), Detroit Public Television (DPTV) is responding to the learning needs of families with children at home as a result of Michigan schools being closed because of the COVID-19 crisis by adjusting its entire daytime programming schedule.

From 7 a.m. until 6 p.m., Monday through Friday, DPTV will offer blocks of programming geared to specific age groups – early childhood, middle school, and high school – on its main broadcast channel (56.1), as part of a collaboration with Michigan’s public television stations and the national PBS system.

While Michigan schools are closed this school year, weekday programming will be as follows:

- Current PBS KIDS programming (Ages 2-8 years old) – 7 a.m. to 9 a.m.
- Grades 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> – 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Grades 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> – 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.

DPTV’s schedule during those hours will be filled with PBS programming that aligns with curriculum goals, with [online learning activities](#) associated with each show. The programs are designed to supplement children’s learning and not be a replacement for grade-level credit. You may want to consider sharing this information in your parent newsletters or on your district’s website if you have not done so already.

## **Subscribe to the Daily Detroit PBS Kids Newsletter**

Check out the daily [Detroit PBS Kids newsletter](#) for educational resources for students at all grade levels and parents. The newsletter has been a result of daily conversations with key stakeholders and several other partners to ensure its relevance and usefulness. Past issues of the newsletter, video messaging, and subscription sign up are available at [DPTV.org](http://DPTV.org), which also includes an option to translate the content into a number of different languages. This is a great option for educational resources if families do not have a reliable internet connection. This is another resource that would make a great addition to your parent newsletters and district websites.