April 3, 2020
Dear CCRESA Parents/Caregivers,

Hopefully, you are all doing well, enjoying time together and staying safe. The coronavirus is unlike anything that we have seen in our lifetime and has left many of us with lots of questions about the future. As you heard Thursday, Governor Gretchen Whitmer signed an executive order closing all face-to-face instruction for Michigan K-12 School Buildings and private schools for the duration of the 2019-20 school year. This includes the Clinton County Regional Educational Service Agency Education Center, Early Childhood Special Education Programs, Early On® and Great Start home visiting, Great Start School Readiness Programs, and Career Connections.

Your administrative team is working in collaboration with the Michigan Department of Education, other intermediate school districts and the local school districts in our area to plan for the remainder of the school year. We are working with teachers and itinerant staff to develop plans to deliver educational options in other ways. Staff will be reaching out to you to get a better handle on your technology resources and online capacities. As we develop continuity of learning plans for our schools, it may involve some online and printed materials along with some virtual meetings with staff. Also, please be aware that this is the scheduled spring break for staff and students at the CCRESA Educational Center. We hope to have clearer guidance for staff upon their return April 13th.

We are aware that some IEP's and evaluation timelines have not been met and some are scheduled to occur in the coming weeks. Our leadership teams are continuing to work hard to create other means of accomplishing these meetings following the guidance from the Michigan Department of Education. Your patience is appreciated as we work through these situations.

Our goal is to continue to support our students throughout these times of uncertainty. Thank you all for doing what you can to support and engage your children as we move through the challenges that this virus brings to our schools and families. Mitigation of the spread of the virus must be a priority. Please remember that your most important role is to care for your child and stay safe and healthy. We will get through this together. As information becomes available and plans are created, we will continue to communicate with all of you. If you have any questions, concerns or needs, please feel free to contact any of us via email or phone.

Take care,

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