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GEE Students, Families & Community:

I hope all of you are staying safe and healthy. I wanted to personally reach out to all of you and let you know that we are here if you need anything.

I welcome the Governor's decision to close schools throughout the State of Michigan. The health and welfare of our students, families, staff, and community are at the forefront during this challenging time. At GEE, we are closely monitoring the evolving situation surrounding COVID-19 (coronavirus).

While schools are closed, we will communicate plans from our academies regarding our e-Learning program for students. We encourage all of you to work closely with your children, our staff is here to support you as well if there is anything you might need. Our facilities department is hard at work sanitizing our buildings and buses. We plan on providing meals to students during this period, our schools will be reaching out with information regarding this as well.

Most importantly, I would like for all of you to follow the recommendations from the CDC to reduce your exposure risks to COVID-19 (coronavirus) and help keep others safe, especially those at higher risk of getting ill.

- **Wash your hands** often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds especially after you have been in a public place, or after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.
- If soap and water are not readily available, use a **hand sanitizer** that contains at least 60% alcohol. Cover all surfaces of your hands and rub them together until they feel dry.
- **Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth** with unwashed hands.
- Stay home if you are sick, except to get medical care.
- **Cover your mouth and nose** with a tissue when you cough or sneeze or use the inside of your elbow.
- **Avoid close contact** with people who are sick and put distance between yourself and other people
- **Clean AND disinfect frequently touched surfaces daily.** This includes tables, doorknobs, light switches, countertops, handles, desks, phones, keyboards, toilets, faucets, and sinks.

Please look out for one another and don't hesitate to reach out to your schools if you or anyone you know might need assistance.

Sincerely,

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