From the Superintendent

March 12, 2020

Dear Chippewa Valley Families and Staff,

We are writing to provide an update on the coronavirus and our schools. Following guidance from our governor, the Macomb County Health Department, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, we feel it is important to do our part to help mitigate the spread of the virus in our schools and community.

To do this, we will be implementing the following containment strategies immediately.

These restrictions will be in place through Sunday, April 12th. As we move forward, the district will re-evaluate the need for these mitigation strategies. If possible, cancelled events and activities may be re-scheduled for a later date.

School Visitors – We are working to limit the number of unnecessary visitors in our schools. Please refrain from visiting our school buildings unless absolutely needed. This includes parents and school volunteers, such as Watch D.O.G.S., Mystery Readers, and classroom volunteers.

Student Travel and Field Trips – All school-sponsored student travel scheduled through April 12th is being cancelled. This includes all field trips, performances and competitions. We will continue to review these restrictions after spring break to make determinations on future events.

Athletics – All middle and high school athletic activities will follow Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA) guidelines. (*Information is available on the high school athletic pages*). We are asking that when events occur, only parents, guardians, and essential school staff be present. There will be no general admission to games hosted by our district. Plans for athletic practices will be communicated by athletic coaches.

Clubs - All student clubs, which occur immediately before or after school, and have less than 100 participants, can continue as usual. However, outside visitors are not allowed to attend.

Community Events/School-Sponsored Events/PTO/Booster Events and Meetings – All Booster and PTO sponsored events and meetings, community events and school-sponsored activities (such as concerts, plays, parent-teacher conferences) planned to take place in our schools are suspended until further notice. We will re-evaluate after spring break to make determinations moving forward.

Work-based Learning and CTE Programs – All student work-based learning opportunities and CTE assignments are suspended for the time being. Students will remain in our classrooms and will not be traveling to business or hospital locations. Students can still report to paid internships.

School Assemblies – All large school assemblies planned for more than 100 students will be suspended for now. We are hopeful that we will be able to reschedule at a later date.

Facility Rentals and Outside Groups – All facility rentals and community education programs have been suspended pending further review. Individuals may contact our maintenance department at 586-723-2250 or our community education department at 586-723-2050 for more information.

What can you do?

To help prevent the spread of the coronavirus in our school community we ask that you:

* Practice good hand hygiene – wash your hands with soap and warm water for 20 seconds

* Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth

* Stay home from school or work if you are sick

* Avoid close contact with others that are sick

If you have any questions regarding these guidelines, please do not hesitate to contact us at 586-723-2240. We appreciate your patience and support as we work together to help protect our students, families and the entire CVS community.

Sincerely,

Ron Roberts
Superintendent