

**UPDATE**  
*From Your Superintendent*  
**December 10, 2020**

## EMERGENCY ORDER CLOSING HIGH SCHOOL TO FACE TO FACE INSTRUCTION - EXTENDED

On Monday, the Emergency Order that was issued under the Michigan Public Health Code on November 15<sup>th</sup> was extended through December 20<sup>th</sup>. This means that all high schools will continue to be closed for face to face instruction. In addition, all extra-curricular activities and athletics continue to be suspended for **ALL** K-12 students.

## FACE TO FACE INSTRUCTION FOR K-8 STUDENTS WILL CONTINUE

We will be continuing face to face instruction for K-8 students until conditions prevent us from continuing. Closing could be the result of an Emergency Order or too many students and/or staff unable to be in school. I hope this does not happen. Dr. Jennifer Morse, Medical Director for the Central Michigan District Health Department, continues to advocate for students being in school.

## CLASSES RESUMING AFTER HOLIDAY BREAK

There will be no school beginning Monday, December 21 through Friday, January 1. It is our plan that all students K-12 will return to school on Monday, January 4, 2021. However it is possible based on what the data is showing regarding the number of COVID cases, the percent of positive cases and the availability of hospital beds that the Health Department could extend or change the current Emergency Order. I am sure that we will hear something before school resumes on January 4<sup>th</sup>. Any new information we receive will be posted on our website and also sent out through all our communication avenues. I am really hoping that all Evart students will be back for face to face instruction beginning January 4<sup>th</sup>.

## EARLY RELEASE FRIDAYS

We believe that our early release Fridays have been very helpful in providing the best educational opportunity for both our virtual and face to face students. Therefore, we have decided to continue them indefinitely. Your support, patience and understanding have helped us all to do our best during this challenging time. Thank you for being a partner in your student's education.

## MEALS AVAILABLE DURING HOLIDAY BREAK

We will be providing meals for all children ages 0-18 to cover the holiday break. You may pick up the meals on Monday, December 21<sup>st</sup> and Monday, December 28<sup>th</sup> from **Noon to 2 PM** at the cafeteria door of the middle school located at the south end of the building. Every bag will contain seven days of meals for each child 0-18 since no students will be in school for the two weeks. You **do not** have to let us know that you will be coming. We will have enough food available for everyone. A big thank you goes out to Angie Cushman, Food Service Director, and to all the food service employees who are making this possible.

Wishing you joy and peace during this holiday season.

***Shirley***

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