

Dear WSC-Academy Families and Community,

As you know there has been much discussion about the COVID -19 virus (coronavirus) and State of Michigan is actively preparing for a potential outbreak as there are reported cases confirmed in the State. Michigan schools are receiving guidance from the Michigan Department of Education. Schools across the state receive updates relative to pandemic flu issues. We must have a crisis plan in preparation in place. To ensure our school district has that our students' health and safety is a top priority. Therefore, the WSC-Academy will not be in session on Monday, March 16, until Monday, April 6, 2020.

These are unprecedented times and we take this action today in conjunction with Washtenaw County Health Department, City of Ypsilanti, Washtenaw Intermediate School District, Ypsilanti, Ann Arbor Public School Districts and the Michigan Department of Education, not because of any known case of COVID -19 in our school, but to avoid overwhelming health care situations.

The students will have a longer break and during our previously scheduled Spring Break. As always our students have 24 hour /seven days a week access to PLATO online learning program. The WSC-Academy students are also able to contact their teachers via email and PLATO, with questions and academic support. If your family does not have a computer or access to internet services, we have been informed that the Ypsilanti local libraries are open daily Monday-Sunday.

Please be advised that we know that this closure may add stress on families. Please understand that this is to protect the health and safety of our students, their families, staff and our communities. The leadership team will be available via email and phone to answer questions, concerns and support during these days. During this time we are asking all our families to reinforce basic good health practices as we all work together to get through this health crisis. The cleaning strategies that we use to limit influenza are effective in combatting COVID-19.

Please contact me directly, with any questions about the relative school closure as it relates to COVID-19.

Sincerely,

Valencia Holmes

Valencia Holmes, Principal
WSC-Academy