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To Novi Community School District Parents and Community Members:

It is important right now to focus on what we know and not what might happen. Behind the scenes the Novi Community School District administrative and teacher teams are working hard on the "what if" scenarios, while at the same time taking care of the day-to-day business.

Today, Tuesday March 31, our wonderful food service team provided grab and go breakfast and lunch for our community. Our transportation department took these same meals to the Novi Ridge and Pavilion Court apartment complexes as well.

Today, Tuesday, March 31, our teachers continue to support our students and prepare to release new learning opportunities tomorrow, April 1.

I will also continue my Community Read Aloud at 1:00 PM this afternoon for anyone who wants to join in. It is being broadcast with permission of the author and Harper Collins publishers. Join me on twitter @docsmatthews or Facebook.

What we don't know is when the school closure will end. The only date that we have been given is Tuesday April 14, but the President recently extended the social distancing guidelines until the end of April. Nevertheless, our state has given no update.

That being said, you may have seen this article in Bridge Magazine: <u>https://www.bridgemi.com/talent-education/whitmer-end-michigan-school-year-seniors-graduate-others-move</u>

I would like to reinforce that this is <u>not</u> official. So do not panic.

Our district administrative and teacher teams are working hard to ensure that our students will have learning material that challenges them and reinforces their learning. If the closure continues past April 14, we are examining how we can improve the content we are providing and begin to provide new lessons to our students.

Thank you for your support and patience during this interesting time. Together we will find a way to navigate through this.

Steve Steve M. Matthews, Ed.D. Superintendent Novi Community School District

Students who are passionate, empowered, and prepared for their world and their future.