April 2, 2020

Hello Saxons,

As you may have heard, Governor Whitmer recently cancelled face to face instruction for the remainder of the 2020 School Year. Although this is obviously not ideal, it is not all that surprising as other states around the country have done the same, and Michigan has become somewhat of a “hot spot” for the virus.

While I am certain this is music to some students’ ears, please know that this is literally devastating to us and our faculty. We love what we do, who we do it with, and most importantly who we do it for. Simply put, we are a big family, and we miss our kids.

This news presents us with many more questions...the same questions you have as parents (and students). What about grade advancement? What about class credit? What about graduation? What about the rest of THIS school year? These questions, and more, have been on the minds of educators across the country. Although I do not have all of the answers right now, our team will be working on solutions this week and communicate them to all as soon as we have a great plan in place.

Here is what I do know, and I will promise. We will continue to feed our families (as long as we are able). We WILL have a graduation ceremony for our seniors...it may be in July, heck maybe August, who knows right now, but we WILL hold a graduation ceremony. I will promise also that I will fight to be sure most decisions are made locally, by the district and our families. Also, we will do ALL we can to meet the individual needs of each student given these challenges.

I will also promise this; we will come out better than ever when this is over. Every challenging circumstance is a hidden opportunity. We will use this to improve our focus and remind us what is truly important at home and at school. I hope this also reinforces the important and challenging work our teachers do every day, as it has certainly reinforced with us, the importance of community/school relationships.

Hang in there everyone. We will get through this.

It is ALWAYS a GREAT day to be a Saxon.

Daniel C. Remenap
Daniel Remenap, Superintendent