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Dear Macomb Academy students, families, and caregivers,

By now, everyone received a call from Macomb Academy sharing the news of Governor Gretchen Whitmer's Executive Order to close all school buildings to students through April 5, 2020. It is anticipated that we will return to our regular school calendar and schedule on Monday, April 6, 2020. I realize that date is the week we are scheduled to be on April break. As of this time, I am unsure whether that will happen, in the event that we will need to make up for missed instructional time. I will keep you informed as new information becomes available to me. Please know that I realize as individuals you have unique needs, and I am looking at all options to support you during this challenging time.

As time progresses, I expect regular updates from the Governor's office, as well as State and National Emergency Health Care Services, and the Macomb County Health Department. Up to this point, I have received constant communication from Macomb Intermediate School District, County Health officials, County Executive office, Michigan Department of Education, and the Governor's office to coordinate and review support services for all of our Macomb Academy students and families.

Please watch the local news stations for updates regarding school cancellations, as I post information regarding closures. In addition, our website and Facebook page will have updates as they become available. I will send a message out to all students and families prior to the start of resuming our regular schedule. This will be mailed to you in advance of students returning to school.

We have contacted SMART Bus transportation to inform them of our three week closure. However, it is also good for you to contact them because they will let you know when you should call and let them know you are requesting a reservation to return to school. This includes students who ride the SMART Bus regional transport that is provided by your local area.

Traci Comer-Scarsella, Macomb Academy Board President, along with the rest of the board members and I understand this is a challenging time for our students and families and am grateful for your patience as we work through this public health issue that is affecting our entire country. We will continue to work together while keeping the health, safety, and well-being of our students at the forefront of our work during this time. As always, we are committed to our students and families and will do whatever we can to support you in the weeks ahead.

To help support and answer any questions from our Macomb Academy community, the building and office will remain open during the hours of 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. I will continue to update you, as developments occur daily and new information is provided to me.

Take care of yourselves, and I speak for the entire Macomb Academy staff when I say that we look forward to having everyone back in the building. It has only been one day and it is already too quiet and missing the energy and enthusiasm our students bring that fills every space. Let's hope these three weeks pass quickly and we are together again. Stay healthy and be well.

Kind regards,

Anne-Marie Sladewski, Ed.D.