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Members of the MCCC Community,

Governor DeWine, State of Ohio

As you are all, no doubt aware, COVID-19, is making a significant impact throughout our entire world. As expected, it was not a case of 'if' Ohio would be impacted but rather 'when.' Today, Governor DeWine held a special news conference on the emerging pandemic. The video can be found by using the following link: <https://fox8.com/news/coronavirus/ohio-gov-dewine-to-give-update-on-coronavirus/>. I have also attached to this email his most recent written communication but wanted to highlight some of his thoughts throughout the speech:

- At this point K12 Schools are to remain open, but that could change as more information becomes available. The exact quote was, "schools are not being restricted, yet."
- Restrictions are being made to assisted living and nursing homes. This is being done because they are the most vulnerable population. They are limiting patients to one visitor per day and the visitor has several restrictions.
- The Governor will be issuing an order in the next 24 hours regarding 'mass gatherings.' There was much discussion on this topic. His basic response to consistent questioning was to ask the following question, "Is it necessary (to travel/attend/etc.)?" If the answer is, "No," then don't do it. "Each individual person has the ability to control risks." He pleaded with the audience to, "make informed decisions." The 'mass gatherings' order is necessary because the disease is community spread.
- Life will be disrupted in the short-term.
- As professionals, it is our responsibility to get out the best available information in a timely manner.
- Infectious disease experts confirm, Ohio is being aggressive in prevention. The Governor confirmed with the previous comment, 'and will continue to do so.' We need to decrease the spreading of the disease.
- Most cases should be managed at home, but contact your health care provider with your individual needs and/or concerns.

Impact on K12 Schools

How has this impacted education throughout the state? Several local colleges and universities have restricted 'in person' classes for the time being. This is due to the large amount of students who travel, are from significantly impacted countries, and they typically reside in a close proximity to one another. Yesterday, State Superintendent of Public Instruction addressed his concerns and the impact on K12 schools. His message can be found following the link: <http://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Student-Supports/Coronavirus>. In addition, large events have been limited, postponed, or canceled. Examples have included state athletic competitions, NCAA tournaments, etc.

Medina County Career Center Response

The Medina County Career Center will always take first consideration, the health and well-being of our students, staff, and community. Some decisions are made at the state level and will impact us. An example of that is the State chose to cancel or postpone the upcoming Business Professionals of America



state competition. We know that many of our students have worked very hard to earn the honor of representing our school at the state level and potentially at the national level. While we certainly hope this is a temporary postponement, this district has no decision-making ability in regards to this event. However, it is still our responsibility to make local decisions to protect our students and staff. Our Administrative team has spent a considerable amount of time evaluating everything that we do as a district. Some decisions have already been communicated to staff and students.

- The field trip to the "Power Piston Show" this Friday has been canceled.
- The St. Baldrick's event this Friday was also canceled/postponed.
- Student volunteers and educational placements at the Medina Hospital Cleveland Clinic are postponed.

Based on the Governor's address and upcoming 'mass gathering order,' more protections must be put in place for the safety of our community. Effective immediately, and until further notice, the following are suspended:

- school field trips
- extra-curricular activities
- customer service
- outside entities using the building

We will continue to have school as normal for both High School and Adult Education, but want to limit the amount of extra contacts our students and staff may have.

In the event that the Governor orders schools to close, he has assured us that they will react legislatively to limit the impact on schools. This district is allotted up to five calamity days per year. Fortunately, this winter wasn't too bad in Northeast Ohio and we have only used one day. This is an appropriate usage of the days that we have remaining (four). Should we exceed the four days, our Board approved calendar make-up days are as follow: June 1, June 2, June 3, June 4 and June 5. Should we need more days than those nine, those will be communicated to you at the earliest opportunity. Senior's last day will still take place May 20 with no additional days added to the senior calendar.

The MCCC Administrative Team will continue to closely monitor all new information handed down from the Governor's Office, the Ohio Department of Health, the Ohio Department of Education and any other credible source. I assure you that we will make all decisions based on best available information at that given time. We will keep you informed to the best of our ability.

Thank you for your patience,

A blue ink signature of Steven Chrisman.

Steven Chrisman
Superintendent