



March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Good Morning Fellow Shorians,

My continued wishes for your safety and well-being and looking forward to the day that we can see each other once again. In the interim, please do your part to protect yourself and your family by staying home and continuing all the recommendations of the CDC to stop the spread of COVID-19.

As we enter this week I want to remind all of you that we will continue to be here to support our community. The best way to let us know of how we can help is to email us at [covid19help@lspss.org](mailto:covid19help@lspss.org). Someone will be in touch to make sure the full resources of Lake Shore are at your disposal, to the absolute best of our ability. More than anything, your families well-being is most important.

In addition to our most basic needs of health and well-being, our continued focus educationally at this point centers around two primary objectives. 1. Connecting with our families and students on a regular basis and 2. Providing academic resources, activities, and enrichment so that the impact of being closed is minimized as much as possible. We understand that there is no replacement for our kids to be in school and in class, but we must continue to do the best we can to keep kids minds engaged and moving.

I have been in close, continued contact with my colleagues throughout Macomb County, our legislative representatives and the Governor's office. I expect we will have a much better idea of the direction we are headed instructionally by the end of the week. While we await further guidance on what the remainder of the school year will look like, I want to assure all of our families that we will work together, with our students' best interest and long term well-being in mind as we navigate through issues of learning, graduation, promotion to the next grade level, grades and grade point average and continued learning from this unprecedented school closure. We will be collective, thoughtful and meticulous in decision making related to our students' progress and future. While all these things are important, they pale in comparison to making sure we get through this healthy and together. We will get through this. We will be here every step of the way.

I will continue to provide updates, and please do not hesitate to reach out to me if there is anything you need from myself or Lake Shore Public Schools. Our students, staff, and families are in my continued prayers. While my heart aches for all of those impacted in the worst way, I am hopeful that this tragedy will somehow give us a renewed hope in one another and, as it has for me, give us a greater appreciation for the things in life that really, truly matter.

Sincerely,

Dr. Joe DiPonio  
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Lake Shore Public Schools