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Hello Families:

We are now over a week into the state-mandated closure and we just received word today from Governor Whitmer that schools **will not reopen until at least April 13, 2020**. We haven't been told what that fully means for our students and teachers. We should know more later this week when our state legislature returns to session. Right now, families should be focused on staying home where possible, staying healthy, and supporting one another. Please take advantage of the learning opportunities teachers are providing if and when you can, as this will make the eventual transition back to the classroom a little easier and give children a bit of normalcy in this stressful time. **At least until April 13, there will be no official grading.**

What I can tell you is how proud I am of our staff, students and families. We've seen an unbelievable effort to continue to educate and feed our students. I am grateful to be a part of this Bobcat family. Dining staff, administrators and volunteers will continue to pack and pass out 1000's of meals to families at the High School and McGrath Elementary on Tuesday and Friday from 11 am-1 pm this week. Our administrators are also working hard to make sure that teachers and families have what they need to teach and learn from home. Our support staff has been reaching out to families to provide mental health resources and support. Maintenance and grounds staff deep-cleaned and sanitized our buildings as they closed them down. Security continues to assist in directing traffic for food and technology drive-throughs and to look after our buildings. Technology has issued 100's of devices and continues to patiently support our staff and students as they make the quick and giant leap to remote teaching and learning. They will continue to do this through help desk hours:

Student/Family Tech Help Desk: Mon-Thurs. 10 am to noon & 1 pm to 3 pm, and Friday from 10 am to noon. Call 810-591-1697 or 810-591-1698.

As of now, the **Zero-Mill Increase Bond** election will proceed through mail-in application and ballot. Those applications will be coming in the mail as soon as this week, so please look for them, fill them out and return them in the mail. This will activate the clerk to send you a ballot so that you can vote on the May 5 proposal for Grand Blanc Community Schools. More information, along with the official ballot language, can be found under "The Future is Now" at www.gbcs.org. If you have any questions, please feel free to send us a message through social media or email communications@gbcs.org. This platform includes items such as flexible furniture district-wide, expensive HVAC systems, roofing, and paving projects, and a new and improved athletic complex to serve our Bobcats and community.

Given the Governor's more strict executive order, the central office building will now be closed to the public. Our administration, business, facilities, communications, personnel, and student accounting staff will all be functioning remotely. We thank you in advance for your patience as we navigate this transition. Online registration remains open, and questions will be answered as quickly as possible. Stay safe and healthy.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Clarence Garner". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Clarence Garner
Superintendent
Grand Blanc Community Schools

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