



## McBain Rural Agricultural School

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McBain Rambler Family,

I sincerely hope this letter finds you and your family in a healthy manner. As we have communicated, Governor Whitmer has mandated the closure of schools until we reopen on April 6<sup>th</sup>. However, beyond the next two weeks of closure, we must have a contingency plan if the closure were extended. Therefore, we will be sending out a survey to help us determine those of you who have sufficient internet service and also who will need technology devices. Almost all of our grades 6-12 students have their computer devices, but not grades K-5. This survey will help us to determine how we could support families with no internet and how many devices would need to be distributed. In terms of online learning, our staff will be making resources available to families/students to assist in learning enrichment activities. These resources and others to be added on later days are not intended to be graded, but used to facilitate the learning of your child. Staff will utilize a number of different modes to communicate these resources including, but not limited to: Facebook pages, Google Hangouts, Remind, Schoology, web pages, email and list serves. As we receive more information on online learning and direction from the Department of Education, we will certainly communicate it to you.

That State Legislature and the Department of Education have been working very hard on determining how to best support our students of Michigan. I participated in a webinar with officials from both bodies today, and they ask for patience. We in turn are asking our Rambler Family to be patient with us as we navigate these uncharted waters. There are many questions that still remain, and as we determine answers, we will be in contact.

We know these are difficult times for all of you. If you need any assistance from the school or we can help in any way, feel free to email me at [steve.prissel@mcbain.org](mailto:steve.prissel@mcbain.org). Thank you for your cooperation and please look for additional information on the Coronavirus Pandemic on our school website and district Facebook page. All my best to you and your family.

Yours in Education,

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