



McBain Rural Agricultural School
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McBain Rambler Family,

As you know, Governor Whitmer issued Executive Order 2020-35 that ended face to face instruction with K-12 students for the remainder of the school year. We have been working diligently since this order came out to organize a continuity of learning plan for our students. This plan will vary from grade to grade, but our consistent goal is to continue teaching and learning from a distance. The State has required school districts to implement an extended learning plan by April 28. However, we have made a commitment to roll out our services to students by April 20. Students may receive work packets or be contacted by their teacher(s) prior to that date, but all teachers will make resources available by April 20. The Principals have identified families who need technology devices and will be making arrangements for them to either pick up or in some cases, dropped off at their residence. There are families who do not have internet access. In response to this, we have provided "hot spots" where we have provided free internet access at multiple areas in our district, including the Village of McBain. We will communicate those locations at a later time. Also, any family who is not able to access any type of internet for some reason, we are making arrangement for paper copies as needed. Our Principals and staff will be in contact with you to support your child the best we can with this extended learning approach. In addition to curricular efforts, we will be providing social/emotional support, as well as food service beginning April 20. The social/emotional supports will be communicated by our Principals and appropriate staff. We will get out information on time and location of our meal distribution plan very soon. In summary, we are committed to the continued learning of our children for the remainder of the school year. The learning resources will be provided in combination with technology resources, paper copies, various learning platforms and added communication via email/phone. We are sensitive to the issues that the Covid-19 outbreak has created for families. Our intent is to work with your child and by no means penalize anyone for the circumstances this pandemic has created. I STRONGLY encourage you to go to our website, www.mcbain.org, and go to the links for Board Minutes. There you will find an audio recording of our School Board meeting last evening (April 8). At this meeting, we spent about one hour explaining the school district's plan to implement the Governor's Executive Order. This recording will answer many, if not all of your questions. I again ask all of you to be patient and understanding as we navigate these uncharted waters. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact your child's Principal or me. We are here for you, and rest assured that we are doing everything in our power to make this a positive learning experience for your child. I thank you for your continued support of McBain Rural Agricultural School District.

Yours in Education,

Stephen R. Prissel
Superintendent