April 2, 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians,

On April 2, 2020, Governor Whitmer’s Executive Order 2020-35 suspended in-person instruction for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year. We were all devastated by this announcement. Staff miss your child and we were looking forward to school starting again. The health and safety of our students is our top priority and during the Coronavirus Pandemic we will do all that we can to support the well-being of our community.

Anticipating this announcement, Kent ISD Center Program staff has been actively preparing to provide innovative and flexible support and services to meet the unique needs of your child and family. We are currently developing our district plan that will outline our methods to provide instruction, services and resources for the remainder of this school year. We understand the barriers present to providing Distance Learning and that it is not going to be the same as the direct face-to-face education students normally receive. We are committed to developing our skills, providing guidance to parents on what they can do to help their children progress and offering engaging learning opportunities for students. Building administrators and staff will be reaching out to you to develop individual plans to meet the needs of your child.

This is an unprecedented time for our country and schools and we are concerned about the hardships we will endure. We are sensitive to the challenges that parents, guardians and caregivers are facing. We view this as an opportunity to reflect on our relationships with families and to increase our communication and engagement. These values and beliefs are in the H.E.A.R.T of Kent ISD. We are committed to helping everyone stay Healthy, Engaged in instructional resources, Active in routines and movement opportunities, Resourceful with innovative instructional solutions and Together by staying connected. The next few weeks will be tough, but collectively we are tougher. We are here to help, support and service you.

Please continue to check for updates on our website, www.kentisd.org/center-programs and contact your child’s teacher/building principal with questions and concerns.

Stay Healthy and Stay Connected,
Paul Dymowski
Director of Center Programs