



## GREENFIELD-CENTRAL COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION

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### Greenfield-Central Community Stakeholders:

Many of you probably watched yesterday's press conference with Governor Eric Holcomb and our State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Dr. Jennifer McCormick. In that setting, they required all Indiana schools to remain closed for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year. This news has required us to make some adjustments to our school calendar that we advertised a few weeks ago.

In collaboration with our teachers and the board of school trustees, we have created a revised instructional calendar that should maximize the instructional time we have with students while also exercising our option to utilize state approved waiver days. Therefore, beginning on Monday, April 6th, Greenfield-Central schools will conduct three eLearning days and two waiver days each week. Over the next seven weeks, eLearning days will occur on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, and waiver days will occur on Tuesday and Thursday. Just as before, there will be no new learning tasks posted for students on waiver days. However, teachers will be available to assist students during their office hours on those days. This revised calendar ensures that Greenfield-Central's students are availed of the state-required 160 days of instruction and utilizes all waiver days granted by the state. (Please refer to the attached calendar for specific details.)

Although our students have not been in our schools since March 12th, our staff has been working diligently to maintain a sense of community in our virtual classrooms. I am grateful for the level of professionalism demonstrated by our staff, the level of commitment manifested by our families, and the level of engagement visible among our students. Together, we will make this educational experience the best it can be for all GC students, considering the obstacles created by the pandemic.

We are aware that many unknowns still remain. We simply do not know the extent of the restrictions that will be in place for Hoosiers as we approach the month of May. We know that some of these uncertainties cause great anxiety for our seniors, in particular. **Seniors, I want you to know that we are proud of you!** We are proud of the grit and persistence you are showing at this time. We understand the importance of high school *milestone moments*. Please be assured that we will do everything we can to allow you to celebrate your achievements in some way, even though it will likely have to look a little non-traditional.

The entire Greenfield Central administrative team is working to gather information and plan for the best "end-of-year" we can have under the existing circumstances. Please be patient with us and know that we will continue to communicate with you as we gain more clarity on these matters.

As we collaborate with our staff, we will create plans for students to retrieve personal items from schools, return technology equipment to the school, and address other end-of-year logistic procedures.

It is our hope that you will find ways to continue your learning each day, whether you have formal assignments from your teachers or not. This is the goal of all life-long learners. Yet more than anything, we want you to enjoy the extra time you have to be with your families.

Stay safe, Cougars!

Dr. Olin

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