



Friday, March 13, 2020  
12:30 p.m.

Dear RPSA Families,

As you are all aware by now, all K-12 schools in Michigan will be closed for the next three weeks. The Renaissance staff is currently working to address the many issues this presents for students and families.

In order to ensure personal connections with as many families as possible, we will begin dismissal today at 3:00 from the classrooms. Family members should report to classrooms to pick up their children and assist with taking home all belongings. Student lockers are to be completely empty at the end of the school day. In addition, **teachers will be passing out information on home access to SeeSaw for students.**

SeeSaw will be our primary platform for passing along information and learning opportunities to students and their families. Though we believe strongly that face to face interactions are essential to learning, we are making plans to provide students with enriching experiences online via SeeSaw. If you need assistance accessing your child's SeeSaw account, please reach out to your child's teacher through their school email account and we will work to reduce any barriers early next week.

Under normal circumstances our school Facebook page is an amazing source of celebration around the learning happening at our school. Throughout this closure we will use it as another platform to communicate updates and community wide information. If you are not following it already, I strongly encourage you to like and follow it throughout the closure. [@renaissancepsa](https://www.facebook.com/renaissancepsa)

Student led conferences as well as distribution of progress reports will be rescheduled after we return in April. If you have specific questions or concerns that you had hoped to address next week at conferences, your child's teacher will be more than willing to communicate with you through email or SeeSaw.

Many students have expressed disappointment regarding Reading Month activities being cut short. Over the break we will be providing virtual literacy experiences and suggestions for our students. We will also be considering how we can reschedule some of the more popular activities that were still scheduled for this month into April and May.

We recognize the tremendous strain this places on families. Plans are being finalized to support the nutritional needs of families in our community. Area schools will be working with other agencies to ensure access to food and essentials is available to anyone in need throughout the school closure. As details become available we will pass them on to all families.

Our staff is committed to constant contact with students and families throughout this closure. We recommend contact via SeeSaw with your child's teacher as a first line of communication. If you are in need of assistance beyond the classroom teacher you can reach out to anyone on our leadership team or coaching staff and we will do our best to be in contact as soon as possible.

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On behalf of the entire Renaissance staff, I want to wish our entire school community peace and patience through this trying time in our world. It is an honor to serve this school. Your support, cooperation and open communication is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Lisa Bergman  
Executive Director