



March 12, 2020

Re: COVID-19 School Closure

Members of the MCCC Community,

Today, State of Ohio Governor, Mike DeWine, issued new restrictions in an effort to combat the spread of COVID-19, Coronavirus. Specific to education, he mandated that all schools would be getting a three-week extended break with an effective date of Monday, March 16th through Friday, April 3rd. I would encourage you to watch his speech for a complete update of all governmental actions and reasons why these precautions are being set into action.

Officially, the Career Center is closed for students effective immediately. Staff will report on Friday, March 13th for a regular workday.

Some schools are having their students continue their learning through some virtual learning experience. The Medina County Career Center will not be using this method. The Career Center is at its core 'hands-on' education. It is difficult, if not impossible, to replicate the lab learning experiences with an online curriculum. At this point, the Career Center will use its remaining calamity days allocation, which is four, to account for some of the closure days. Since we will exceed those days, we will be required to make up the extra days of closure using our Board approved make-up days of June 1, June 2, June 3, June 4 and June 5. It would take specific legislative action at the state level to waive any or all of those days. Please be prepared to be in school on the make-up days.

As of right now, graduating senior students will not be required to be in school after the May 20th Senior Awards Ceremony. This is based on the best available information at this time. Unfortunately, more information may force that to be changed.

As Governor DeWine pointed out, "This is temporary. We will get back to normal in Ohio. It won't happen overnight." We will get through this uncomfortable time.

I appreciate your patience and understanding.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Steven Chrisman".

Steven Chrisman
Superintendent