

April 9, 2021

Bath School Community,

Good afternoon. This morning Governor Whitmer held a press conference announcing that she **recommends** high schools in Michigan pause in-person learning for two weeks. This recommendation is only for grades 9 - 12. Governor Whitmer also recommended that all athletics, including community sports, be paused as well. At this time Bath Community Schools will be continuing on our current schedule for our high school students and **not** pausing in-person instruction. We are also continuing to participate in school sponsored athletics.

Currently we are testing all of our student-athletes weekly. We have also continued our safety and health protocols that we implemented early in the year. The building administrators and administrative assistants have done an excellent job identifying students and staff needing to quarantine and our custodial and maintenance staff have been proactive in cleaning and sanitizing our buildings. Currently I am confident that we can operate our high school in a safe and healthy manner.

Finally, the CDC recently changed their quarantine guidelines back to recommending 14 days for close contacts and not ten (10) as had previously been utilized. The State of Michigan is allowing each regional health department to decide on whether to stay at 14 days or return to the ten (10) days of quarantine. The Mid-Michigan Health Department has authority over all Clinton County schools and is requiring us to use the 14 day quarantine time frame.

As always if circumstances change and we believe a need to pause instruction arises for the safety and health of our staff and students, we will take the appropriate actions.

Respectfully,

Paul Hartsig
Superintendent