May 15, 2020

Dear South Lyon Community Schools Families,

This week has been another informative one for our future. Our teams are starting to discuss what the beginning of the 2020-2021 school year might look like. We have created multiple committees to think through various scenarios and the necessary supports to keep students and staff safe, following governmental orders, supporting the social and emotional needs of the students, and ultimately educating students at the highest possible level. We are also starting to see information from governmental fiscal agencies that paint a bleak outlook for the state budgets, which include the school aid fund. Our legislators must prioritize education and related supports to best support our students. Indications currently show that we will be facing a significant funding cut for at least the next two years. There is also talk of a reduction for this current fiscal year, which ends June 30, 2020, for schools.

Many families have completed the wellness check-in survey. Our goal is 100% completion so we can meet the needs of families this year and use portions of the data to make plans for next year. If you haven’t already, please complete this [wellness check-in](#) survey. As a reminder, supports are available in our community as well. The link [helpwhenyouneedit.org](http://helpwhenyouneedit.org) allows you to input your zip code and find links to local community resources such as food, housing, legal, financial assistance, healthcare, substance abuse treatment, and mental health services. This week we are providing some resources to focus on toddlers and younger school-aged children. This [video](#) and [link](#) are from area experts and may provide support for you and your child.

The Board of Education is nearing completion of the search for the next Superintendent for South Lyon Community Schools. This week a group of Board members spent time virtually visiting with members of the Brandon and Livonia School Districts to learn more about Dr. Outlaw and Mr. Archibald. Monday, May 18, we expect the Board of Education to make a final decision during their regularly scheduled meeting. Details for attending the Board of education meeting are on our [website](#).

We are continuing the conversation for the Bond Election scheduled for August 4, 2020. This bond has an identical list of projects that were identified for the May 2020 election that was postponed due to the COVID-19 closure of schools. The economics of public education in Michigan make the passage of this bond essential to protect our investment and protect money for student instruction. This support is all possible, while homeowners experience a slight tax decrease. You can find information on our [website](#) currently and various social media sites in the future.

Thank you for your partnerships and stay well,

Dr. George Heitsch
Interim Superintendent

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**Mission Statement**

In support of our community, the mission of South Lyon Community Schools is to provide the highest quality educational process, so that all students can excel as individuals, and become productive and contributing members of society.