



Mission: Create a culture of deliberate excellence with equity

Vision: Every Graduate will be future ready for personal success, college and career, and the global marketplace

Gobles Public Schools

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Dear Gobles Staff

First, thank you for your continued patience and understanding as Gobles administration continues to monitor the COVID-19 situation as it rapidly evolves. Like all of you, we are concerned about the impact it may have on the health and safety of our students, families, staff, and broader community. Each day and even each hour, guidance from Governor Whitmer, the Michigan Department of Education (MDE), and the Van Buren County Health Department is changing.

To that end, the Gobles administrative team would like to share with you the following information:

- Gobles will be closed Monday, March 16th through Friday, April 10th.
- During this period of time, essential staff consisting of Jeff Rehlander, Jennifer Chandler, Lori Henry, Chris Rousseau, Chris Miller, Wendy Jackson, Tommie Saylor Jr., Barb Ewald, Deb Smith, Michael Banyas, Gala Rock, Kim Marsh, Eric Meloche, Stephanie Sawicki, Jim Burza, Josh Satkey, Richard Johnson, Harold Middleton, Clint Massey, Kayley Wilson and Jason Lumbert will work on an as needed basis for continuity of operations only.
- Non-essential staff, those not listed above, are asked to NOT report to work during this school closure.
- Custodial staff will report for work April 6, 2020 through April 10, 2020.
- A process is being developed by Eric Meloche and Jim Burza to address support for students who rely on school meals to ensure that they have access to food during this time
- Gobles will not require staff to make up the time/days that have been legally excused by the State of Michigan and plans to pay all employees for their total contracted days.
- Please continue to monitor your email and the District website for updates regarding this evolving situation.

We realize these decisions might raise other questions and concerns. If so, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Jeff Rehlander
Superintendent