

March 30, 2020

This afternoon, Governor DeWine made the courageous and right decision to extend the closure of Ohio's K-12 schools through Friday, May 1, 2020 as concerns continue to rise over the spread of coronavirus.

We recognize the enormity of this decision as it impacts the lives of our families as well our district operations. Nothing can replace our face-to-face instruction that centers on the whole child; their cognitive, social, emotional, physical, and mental well-being. Though I am eager to get back to the Wooster Way, I couldn't be prouder of our faculty and staff for their efforts during this closure. They have really leaned-in to this experience with tremendous grace, professionalism, and creativity.

As you know we will be observing our originally scheduled spring break from April 6 - April 10. Our employees, especially our bus drivers, food service personnel and teachers have been working overtime since Monday, March 16th. They need and deserves this spring break. I know this decision to honor our originally scheduled spring break will be a bit controversial. I believe the break, though, will allow us to better serve our students and community come Monday, April 13 and I ask that you support us in this decision.



I have complete confidence that we will exceed every community expectation during this crisis. In fact, your compliments for our early efforts has been numerous and greatly appreciated. This challenging time requires all of our best, and I am so proud and grateful for our extraordinary employees and the work of our students.

In closing, please continue to visit our district website (woostercityschools.org) to literally ask questions on the website about this closure and to find answers regarding our school operations, to find schedules, and directions to help navigate your public schools academic experiences.

Have a terrific rest of your week, enjoy our spring break and stay healthy. Be diligent about your physical distancing during this next month.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michael".

Dr. Michael Tefs, Superintendent

