



Michigan District

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

People of Hope ... Vigorously Making Known the Love of Christ

Leaders, Educators, and Families of our Michigan District Lutheran Schools,

Earlier today, the Michigan Department of Education released a statement that public schools cannot count distance/virtual learning as instructional time for their students. This statement does not apply to the nonpublic schools in the state. Our Lutheran schools of the Michigan District are able to make decisions based on what is best for the students and families we serve and will continue to do so in the weeks to come.

It has been a blessing to see our schools deliver their curriculum through a variety of means these past few days. We have many dedicated educators that have adapted in tremendous ways to make sure high quality content is delivered to their students on a daily basis as learning does not stop because we are kept from meeting together in our school buildings. All the work and effort by our teachers and students will definitely count toward their instructional hours.

I am grateful for all of you and how our Lutheran schools have come together during this challenging time. If it wasn't forbidden right now, I would hug all of you 😊! And although we do not know what the coming weeks and months will bring, we do know that we have a Risen Savior who promises to be by our side every step of the way. May His love continue to flow to us and through us as we take things day by day trusting in His grace and mercy...

Serving Him,

Travis Grulke
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