



River Valley School District

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Dear River Valley Parents/Guardians and Staff,

You may have heard news reports about the latest decision of the Michigan Supreme Court stating, for a number of legal reasons, that the issuance by the Governor of executive orders related to the COVID-19 pandemic is no longer valid on a continuing basis.

We are writing to you for the purpose of letting you know that, over the past few months, we have worked with educational leaders and stakeholders at numerous levels in government, the fields of health, psychology and epidemiology, and experts in education. While that collaboration occurred under the auspices of the various executive orders whose validity the Michigan Supreme Court has called into question, there has thus far not been an order entered in any court invalidating the executive orders related to COVID-19. Also, the product of our collaboration was adopted by our Board of Education as policy for our school district. That policy survives any judicial action.

Until schools receive clarity on this legal decision, River Valley School District will continue to comply with the district's Board approved COVID-19 Preparedness and Response Plan, the Extended COVID-19 Learning Plan and all other health department guidance. All current safety and health related protocols and procedures will remain unchanged at this time.

Should the school district receive new information related to the current safety & health plans and protocols, parents and district staff will receive prompt communication about any required changes in guidance or compliance.

Sincerely,

*Scott Bojanich
Superintendent*