

WATERFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Waterford School District Community,

We are experiencing unprecedented times. The Coronavirus pandemic is impacting everyone, forcing all residents, families, businesses, and school districts to make some difficult decisions.

In light of the Governor's Executive Order, on March 13, all Waterford Schools were closed in an effort to slow the spread of Coronavirus. While we would much rather be at school with your children, we know that these are efforts to protect the health and safety of our students and to be sensitive to the needs of our community.

On March 17, the Michigan Secretary of State asked all districts and municipalities with a May 5 ballot proposal to explore options that would ensure the elections did jeopardize public health. Those options included conducting an all-absentee ballot election in May or postponing the proposal to August or November.

To do our part in preventing the spread of the Coronavirus and to protect the health of our residents--especially the poll workers and Township staff, the Board of Education has agreed to postpone the May election and address Waterford's facility needs in an August election.

This decision was not taken lightly. Postponing the May election may have a financial impact on the school district and could delay important bond projects. Additionally, we may be asking voters to restore the millage rate to the 2019 level, as a result of the delay. Despite the potential hurdles, we are putting the health and well-being of our community first and giving everyone the time to focus on their families and their health.

We appreciate your understanding as we work together to reduce the impact of the Coronavirus. For the good of everyone, please continue to follow the regularly updated guidelines from the CDC (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) at https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prepare/prevention.html.

Stay safe and healthy. Sincerely,

Scott A. Lindberg, Superintendent of Schools

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