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### **PPS will Continue with In-Person Instruction and Athletics**

Portage Public Schools has carefully considered the Governor's recommendation for high schools to shift to remote learning, and to suspend sports and in-person activities for the next two weeks. We have chosen to continue with in-person instruction for those who chose it, and allow athletic games and practices following the strict protocols we already have in place.

PPS students and staff returned from spring break this week, and we have not seen an unusual uptick in cases. We will continue to monitor the numbers closely and to follow strict protocols of masking up, social distancing and hand washing, as well as following the state recommendations for testing all student athletes. We anticipate that we will test nearly 1,000 PPS students next week as middle school sports join the high school sports starting their Spring seasons.

We will continue to follow recommendations from the Kalamazoo County Health and Community Services Department. We are quarantining individuals and classrooms, and other groups as needed, and after consultation with KCHCS we are expanding the quarantine period for students and staff from 10 days to 14 days for anyone who may have been in close contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19.

We encourage all PPS staff, families and students to continue to follow mitigation measures outside of the school day and remain home if not feeling well. We are committed to keeping our students, staff and families safe, while providing the best possible learning environment for the remainder of this school year and into next fall.

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