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The Governor of Ohio has signed into law a Coronavirus bill that changes many laws that help us deal with this time of turmoil.

In the Bill, the education components that I think you might want to know are (summaries are mine, and if interested you should read the law to get exact details):

1. Federal and State testing has been terminated for this year. This will be one less item for your child to stress over.
2. For seniors and graduation, the principal will determine if a student is eligible for a diploma. This really takes us back to how it used to be done.
3. For third graders, the reading guarantee retention is gone for one year, and the principal determines if the child is ready to go to 4th grade.
4. Our time online does count as hours to meet the state minimum. This means we can end the year at our normal time, no make-up days will be needed.
5. There will be no district report cards issued by the Ohio Department of Education for this year. This is not report cards that we issue to students as they are a local issue.
6. Permits certain state-licensed individuals to provide services electronically or via telehealth communication to meet goals on a students Individualized Education Plan (IEP)
7. Allows our Board of Education to hold its meetings electronically as long as the public can view the meeting in an electronic means.

A non-education component was also added that addresses voting since the March election was postponed. All voting for this election will be done by absentee ballots that you must request from the Board of Elections by April 28th.

Finally, I want to remind everyone that April 6-13 is our spring break. During this time, there will be no lessons as the kids deserve a week off. In addition, we cannot provide lunches since we were not to be in session those days. I do know that teachers, PTO and Athletic Boosters are teaming up to serve some food on Monday, April 6th for

Elmwood families who may be in need from 5 - 6 PM. They will be doing curbside pickup in front of the HS entrance. These will be food supplies that will help families get through the week and will not be considered a meal according to the guidelines that we as a district must follow.

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