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Dear Families,

Yesterday the Michigan Department of Education issued a memorandum stating that online learning will not count toward instructional hours during the 2019-20 school year. Please know that this ruling does NOT apply to Dearborn Heights Montessori Center, or its sister schools Plymouth-Canton Montessori School and Livonia Montessori School.

We are an independent, non-public school and are not bound by public school law. Although we may choose voluntarily to meet or exceed public school requirements, we make our decisions based on what we deem best for our students. In this case, instruction has been ongoing via the internet and will continue until we are again able to welcome students into our buildings. Work the students have been doing through distance learning is part of their 2019-20 curriculum, and counts as such.

Teachers have been working hard to provide lessons and enrichment content through Google Classroom. If you have not done so yet, please accept your invitation to join, and allow your child to become an active participant in Montessori at home, where he or she will continue practicing the independence, resourcefulness, and inner discipline that are fostered in our schools.

Stay well!

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