



# Parkway Christian School

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Dear Parkway Christian School Family,

Last evening Governor Gretchen Whitmer announced that in order to slow the spread of Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) in Michigan, she is ordering the closure of all K-12 school buildings, public, private, and boarding, to students starting Monday, March 16 until Sunday, April 5. School buildings are scheduled to reopen on Monday, April 6. The safety and wellbeing of Parkway students is primary, and we are abiding by the Governor's order.

Parkway administration and staff have been following the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Macomb County Health Department recommendations for preventing COVID-19 while school has been in session, and proactively planning to be prepared should a school closure become necessary. Although we are at the point of an ordered school building closure to students, we are finalizing our plans in order to ensure continuity of learning for all grades. Parkway families will be receiving information about how their student(s) can access their classroom online, how to interact with the teacher and other students, and submit homework.

Parkway's school building will be ready to be reopened to students on Monday, April 6. However, the Governor has stated that the COVID-19 situation is very fluid, and as the state closely monitors the activity of the virus, the April 6 date may be pushed. The Parkway community will be kept informed.

The order of the Governor is out of an abundance of caution, a step deemed necessary to protect students, teachers and families and our overall public health. As Christians we submit to those in authority (Rom 13:5) yet take to heart the words of our Lord Jesus, *Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.* (John 14:27) We will continue to pray and urge you to be united with us in prayer.

*Be strong and take heart, all you who hope in the Lord.* (Psalm 31:24)

Grace and peace,

The Parkway Christian School Board