



**Chippewa Valley Schools administration building**

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# Chippewa Valley Schools launches online learning resources amidst pandemic

*Food program offered at multiple sites*

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MACOMB TOWNSHIP/CLINTON TOWNSHIP — Following Gov. Gretchen Whitmer's order of statewide closure of all K-12 school buildings through April 5, Chippewa Valley Schools announced that since the district's spring break is the following week, school will resume April 13.

Soon after the announcement was made, the district launched "CVS Learn at Home," a website dedicated to providing families resources to ensure learning continues at home, put together by the district's educational services department.

"With the whole situation, you have to look out for the best interest of your students, families and staff," Chippewa Valley Schools Superintendent Ron Roberts said. "All decisions are based on that."

On March 17, the district announced that in its ongoing effort to provide families with the resources they need during this school closure, it is offering a free breakfast and lunch program for students in need.

The hours of service are 9-11 a.m. March 19, 20, 23-27, and March 30 through April 3. Locations are as follows:

Ojibwa Elementary, 46950 Heydenreich Road, Macomb Township, 48044

Fox Elementary, 17500 Millstone Dr., Macomb Township 48044

Algonquin Middle School, 19150 Briarwood Lane, Clinton Township. 48036

Wyandot Middle School, 39490 Garfield Road, Clinton Township. 48038

Breakfast and lunch will be served at the same time and distributed from the white food services trucks located at each building.

The program is available to all children and teens ages 18 years old and younger regardless of where they go to school or whether they qualify for free and reduced meals. Persons up to age 26 who are enrolled in an educational program for the mentally or physically disabled that is recognized by a state or local public educational agency may also take part in this USDA-funded program.

Roberts said the plan for the week of March 23 was to rollout activities directed by teachers.

“Teachers will plan activities and will be sent on a weekly basis for that week to families,” he said.

Aside from students not having normalcy in their lives, Roberts said staff is struggling.

“When we look at online learning, I think that’s a stop-gap measure,” he said. “That does not replace a teacher. It’s about human interaction and that’s been taken away.”

Roberts noted March 18 that the district was looking to set up support for families who might need help talking to their children about this subject.

He added that with the length of the school closure, the district is looking at more enrichment initiatives.

“We want activities that deal with concepts they’ve already covered,” he said. “Right now, we think it’s difficult to extend that learning beyond more instructionally.”

On March 16, the district sent a letter out to families about resources for learning at home.

The resources are not intended to replace the learning that would be occurring if the district was operating under normal conditions, rather, serve as a way to keep children engaged in learning activities.

In addition to the list of resources, Chippewa Valley Schools is providing a daily activity which families may use to practice reading, writing, thinking, and conversation skills.

Roberts said at this point, he’s not sure how it will go with the school year possibly being extended due to lost time.

To learn more about what the district is doing during the closure, visit [chippewavalleyschools.org/for-parents/coronavirus-updates](https://chippewavalleyschools.org/for-parents/coronavirus-updates).