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Dear Spartan Families:

As you know, we are experiencing a sharp increase in the number of positive and probable cases of COVID-19 among our students. Since my last district communication on Friday, 14 cases of COVID-19 have been reported in buildings across the district. Currently, more than one third of our face-to-face students have been quarantined as close contacts in three of our schools: ICHS, ICMS, and at Borland.

As I stated last week, we have been working successfully in response to periodic positive cases at ICS throughout the year in our efforts to stay open and provide face-to-face learning. I've been proud of the work we have conducted in order to accomplish this goal. However, what we are experiencing now is different than the cycles we've experienced earlier. Notable differences include:

- The volume of *simultaneous* (occurring at one time) positive/probable cases across the district is greater than at any point during the school year
- The volume of students requiring quarantine as "close contacts" to positive/probable cases at three of our buildings has now exceeded 1/3 of our total face-to-face population in those buildings
- For the first time this year, we can accurately and definitively document the existence of student-to-student spread among the recent cases at the high school, and possibly at Borland Elementary

In order to safeguard our students, help prevent potential spread of COVID-19 among our student population and in our community, and to position us to – after a short pause – resume the model of face-to-face instruction we feel is best for our students, ***I am moving all Imlay City Schools into remote learning from Tuesday, March 23 through Thursday, March 25.*** As a reminder, all instructional programming has been cancelled on Friday, March 26.

During this period of online learning, instructional programming will be available to students. It's important for students to engage and "attend" during this period of remote learning. Details about the instructional program at each school will come from your child's building principal.

I hope you can appreciate the need for this course of action. As always, I appreciate your cooperation and understanding. If you have questions or concerns, please reach out to your child's school office directly.

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